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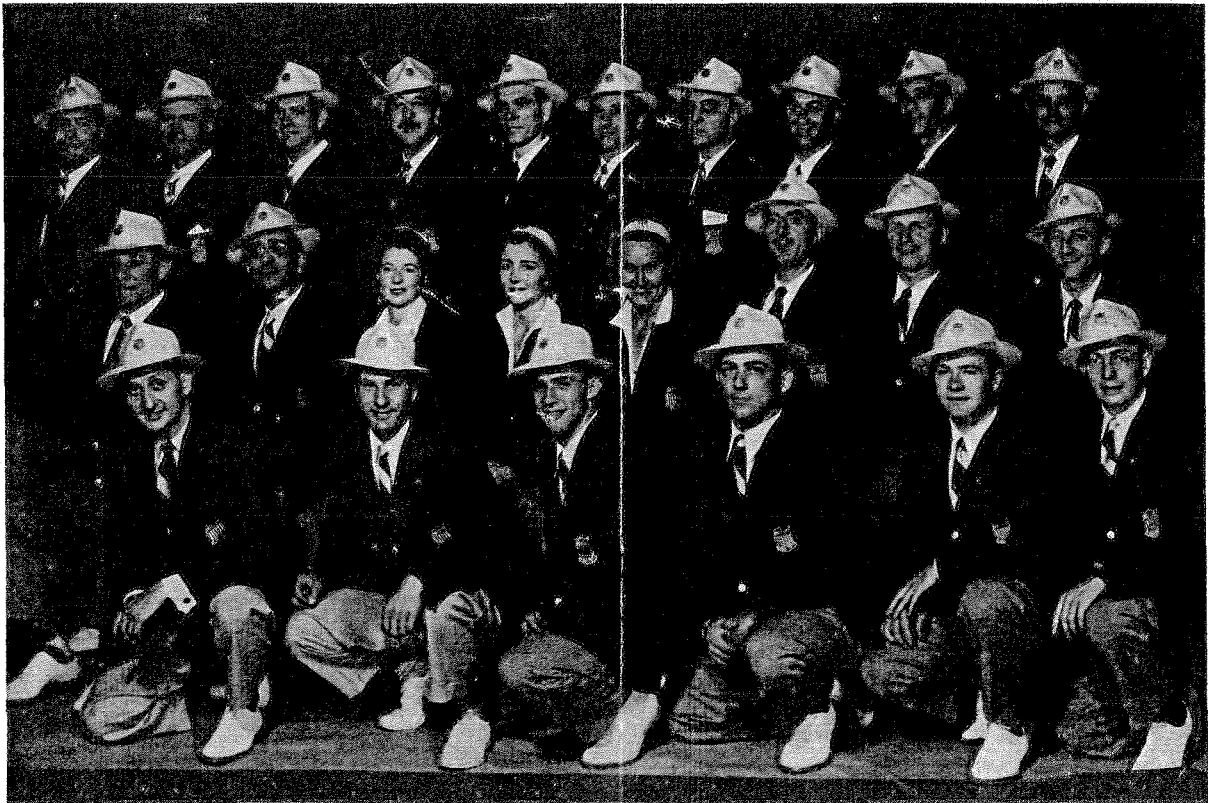
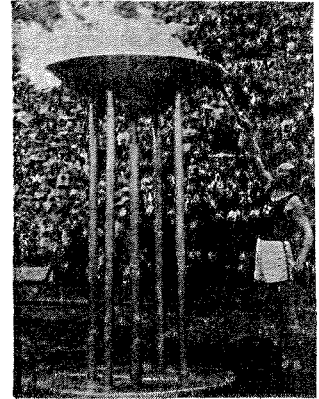


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Top Row: Lubell, Wolff, Vebell, Armittage, Skrobisch, Axelrod, Nyilas, Bukantz, J. de Capriles, Giolito.

Second Row: Pinchart, M. de Capriles, Craus, York, Mitchell, Santelli, Sieja, Kwartler.

Bottom Row: Krieger, Worth, Goldsmith, Strauch, Treves, Makler.



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### HARO-OLIVA CLEARED

At the request of the United States, an investigation was held by the F.I.E. concerning the amateur status of Major Antonio Haro-Oliva, military attache of the Mexican Embassy in Paris and his country's outstanding international fencer. The investigation was designed to settle once and for all various complaints arising from the use of Mr. Haro's picture in commercial advertising after the 1948 Olympics. The F.I.E. found that the picture had been used without Mr. Haro's consent and completely exonerated him from any blame in the matter.

### HELENE MAYER WEDS

Helene Mayer was recently married to Falkner von Sonnenburg, residing at Satterstrasse 6B, Stuttgart N., Germany. They expect eventually to live in Heidelberg, where he is an engineer.

Helene won her Olympic title in 1928 when she was not yet 17 years old. She was second in 1936, and won the World Championship in 1929 and 1937. During her long residence in this country she taught various subjects at colleges in the San Francisco area and won eight of the nine U. S. Championships in which she completed. Helene did much to encourage fencing on the West Coast and her great charm has made her many friends throughout the country.

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### About that team

The question is \* \* how long are we going to be permitted to send full teams to Olympic games that don't win? Let's face the fact that in Europe, the teams are composed of men and women that have been trained since early youth. In the U.S.A. we are very lucky if one of the city High School fencers has stuck it out and won through to a national championship. In most cases, our teams are composed of people who took up the sport in their late teens. Again and again the best fencers we can produce are people who have fenced well into their 30s and early 40s because the younger competitors just are not good enough, have not had the training or the competition experience to make them national champions.

I could go on and on with examples of why we do not have winning teams, but let's face it, we have got to start **now** to train younger people to love the sport and get the experience. It has to be at a younger level or it is too late and their drive is gone.

The solution is this: More of us throughout the U.S.A. have got to give up a Saturday morning or some week day night to teach the sport to kids. Yes, kids in High School or even Junior High School. Worse than that, we have got to buy the equipment ourselves and furnish enough so that we can start team competition at that age level. And if you have to beg, borrow or steal rides to competitions for your little team, that is up to you too. After you have developed a winning team, you have to hope and help them get into a college that has a fencing team, or at worst, get that kid to follow through and create a team at his chosen college.

Today, we have strong fencing centers in New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, Detroit, Cleveland,

and San Francisco. Maybe I left out one or two, BUT ASIDE FROM THESE CENTERS WHERE IS THERE A STRONG FENCER? How old is he? This need not continue if a few of you fencers, I don't care how lousy, will start a young club in your community. You have the time. The talent is in your own block. Just remember, you have to plant a seed to grow even grass!

### Now, about that uniform

In the past few years it has been a pleasure to judge college, high school and National competitions, but in every one the same item sticks out—our fencers are careless of protective dress and masks. They get torn, full of holes, and just plain "hanging together by a thread." Buttons come off, the masks lose bibs or get so sweated that they stand out straight instead of protecting the neck. The gloves become shredded or in some cases, discarded. As time goes on, the directors get immune to the condition and say nothing. BUT someone is going to get hurt one day and the headlines will again "prove" that the sport is too dangerous for youngsters, or some school will drop the sport because of the fencers' own carelessness. Come on now, after you put on that uniform, look in the mirror, and see what I mean. Hey, Coach, is this a **fencer**?

### And as for that judging

We all listen to gripes, grudges, and just plain beefs. When are we going to get a good judge or jury? The answer is that too few good men are available. You know, all you have to do is to study the rules and get a little practice and you are almost as good as some of the best rated men today.

There is only one little thing more. Just don't judge the competitor before he starts to fence.

W. L. Osborn

## Official A.F.L.A. Notes

by Ralph Goldstein, Secretary

### THE CONNECTICUT TROPHY

The Connecticut Trophy is awarded each year to the division showing the greatest interest and activity during the fencing season. Based on the results of the 1951-52 season, the Southern California division was awarded the Trophy with its large membership and heavy fencing activity.

Unfortunately many divisional secretaries failed to file an annual report and those divisions have no credit for competitions and competitors.

Points are given for the largest number of active and senior active members, the greatest per cent of increase in active and senior active membership, the greatest number of competitions and competitors, as well as cooperation with the National Secretary's office. The points are given for the first five places; five for the first place, four for second, etc.

The results are as follows:

Total Active Membership	
1. Metropolitan .....	187
2. Southern California .....	114
3. Michigan .....	82
4. Northern California .....	64
5. Gulf Coast (South Texas) .....	58
Percent Increase in Active Membership	
1. West Point .....	118%
2. Colorado .....	83%
3. St. Louis .....	63%
4. Minnesota .....	46%
5. Maryland .....	45%
Number of Competitions	
1. Southern California .....	37
2. Northern California .....	33
3. Metropolitan .....	31
4. Western New York .....	30
5. Maryland .....	21
Number of Competitors	
1. Metropolitan .....	791
2. Southern California .....	655
3. Western New York .....	390
4. Northern California .....	303
5. Maryland .....	204
Standing at Headquarters	
1. Gulf Coast (South Texas) .....	5
2. Maryland .....	4
3. Minnesota .....	3
4. Western New York .....	2
5. Southern California .....	1
Final Standing	
1. Southern California .....	14
2. Metropolitan .....	13
3. Northern California .....	8
4. Maryland .....	7
Western New York .....	7
6. Gulf Coast (South Texas) .....	6
7. Minnesota .....	5
West Point .....	5
9. Colorado .....	4
10. Michigan .....	3
St. Louis .....	3

### SECRETARY-TREASURERS PLEASE NOTE

The Annual Meeting of the A.F.L.A. held in June 1952 amended the By-Laws of the League to provide for a \$1. National dues to be paid each year by Student Members. You are reminded to collect this fee and to forward it to the national office with your periodic membership reports.



### JAMES MONTAGUE

A quiet, unassuming gentleman who has had a beneficial influence on fencing in this country is to receive some long due recognition when his former pupils present the James Montague Trophy to the winner of the Metropolitan Junior Sabre Team competition on December 4th at the Fencers Club.

Mr. Montague was born in England and learned to fence at the University of London. After his military service in World War I he came to this country and for more than thirty years he has not only turned out countless top-notch fencers but, which is more important, has instilled in his pupils a lasting devotion to the sport. He became varsity coach of C.C.N.Y. in 1937 and since that time the college has won seven intercollegiate championships and three individual titles, as well as many A.F.L.A. Junior championships in all weapons. A great many of our outstanding fencers today are his former students: Bukantz, Lubell, Axelrod, Strauch, and Goldsmith were members of the 1952 Olympic Team; many others have won national recognition; and one, Max Garret, is now head fencing coach at the University of Illinois.

Impressive as this record may be, the true caliber of the man is reflected in the profound respect and genuine friendship which his pupils retain for him throughout the years.

J. R. deC.

### OUTDOOR EPEE

The All-Eastern Outdoor Epee title was won by Herman Wallner of N.Y.U. when he defeated Pfc. W. T. McArthur 3-1 in a fence-off. Ten men competed, and there was a five-way tie for the third medal which went to Lt. F. L. Denman on touches.

#### Results

Herman Wallner 6/3\*; W. T. McArthur 6/3\*; Lt. F. L. Denman 5/4 (15 vs); Henry Bartel 5/4 (16 vs); Joseph Sonnenreich 5/4 (18 vs, 21 for); August von Munchhausen 5/4 (18 vs, 18 for); James Corbett 5/4 (21 vs); Capt. Guy Troy 3/6 (20 vs); Lt. H. W. Johnson 3/6 (22 vs); Maj. Thomas Carhart 2/7.

### INTERNATIONAL MEET

The amateur fencers of Western New York will conduct an invitational fencing tournament in Buffalo, N. Y. on Saturday, October 25, 1952. Entries are open to all members in good standing of the Amateur Fencers League of America and to members of the Canadian Athletic Union holding F.I.E. cards. Competition will be held in men's foil, electrical epee, and sabre, and in foil for women. Entrants will be limited to one weapon and the entry fee will be Two Dollars. Trophies will be awarded to the first three place winners in each weapon. The fencing will take place in the University of Buffalo Gym starting at 10 A.M. and continuing until the Tournament is completed.

A party and dance will be held after the competition is finished. A tour of Niagara Falls is planned for Sunday, October 26, 1952.

Application blanks can be obtained by writing to Mr. Jules Goldstein, 140 Avery Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

### QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

by Albert Logette

The Province of Quebec Fencing Association ran its annual international open tournament in Montreal during the past Labor Day week-end. The events drew many contestants from various points in the states of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts as well as from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. The tournament proved so successful that it is planned to hold next year's event at the same time—the Labor Day week-end.

The Ladies' Foil had 19 entries and was won by Miss E. Kun of the Westmount 'Y' in Montreal. She received a beautiful trophy presented for the first time this year by the local newspaper "Le Photo Journal." Second place went to Miss V. Sokol of the Salle Santelli in New York, and third to her clubmate Mrs. J. Shaff.

The Electric Epee event also drew 19 entries and all three places were won by fencers from Montreal. First place and the J. W. McConnell trophy went to Mr. C. Schwende of the Palestre National. Second place was won by Mr. R. Asselin of the Westmount 'Y' and third by Mr. E. Brooke, a clubmate of the winner.

The Sabre trophy, presented by Mr. Joey Richman, was won by Mr. A. Kwartler of the Salle Santelli. Mr. J. Vida of the Pannonia Club of Toronto placed second, and Mr. L. Pongo of the Hungarian Sports Federation of New York was third. Twenty-one competed in this event.

### BARBARA LATZKO

William J. Latzko, one of our most active Metropolitan members, has been in Korea on active duty since June 15th. Bill and his wife Connie became the proud parents of baby Barbara on July 20th and we send him our congratulations and wishes for a safe return.

## THE 1952 OLYMPIC FENCING GAMES

Captain, U. S. Olympic Fencing Team  
by Miguel A. de Capriles

Led by the great Eduardo Mangiarotti, Italy's magnificent team was clearly best among the 32 countries competing in the fencing events of the XV Olympiad, earning 3 firsts, 4 seconds, 1 third, 1 fourth, and 1 sixth places. Hungary was next (2 firsts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds, 2 fifths), and France—meeting disaster in epee for the first time in history—was third (2 firsts, 1 third, 1 fourth, 2 fifths, 1 sixth). Thus the Big Three of international fencing reasserted their supremacy at Helsinki, and the rest of the field was far behind. Switzerland's 2 third places (epee team and individual) shaded the United States' 2 fourths (women's individual and sabre team) and 1 sixth (women's individual) for leadership of the second-flight teams. The other countries represented were Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saar, Sweden, U. S. S. R., Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam.

The outstanding feature of the Games, from the viewpoint of the United States, was the brilliant performance of our girls, which was the best in our history and proved that they can compete on even terms with the best women fencers in the world. The men turned in a good all-around record, surpassed only by our 1948 and 1932 Olympic teams, with fourth place in sabre team and four individuals in the semi-finals, i.e. within the top 18 in the several weapons. The only trouble is that, as on other occasions, our men's teams were at their best **after** the Olympics; it is a pity that we could not give them a preliminary warm-up in international competition such as the girls had at Copenhagen.

On the whole, our veteran Olympians performed creditably, with Jan York and Jose de Capriles improving upon their 1948 records. Polly Craus, Allan Kwartler, Alex Treves and Ed Vebell profited from their previous international experience; while Maxine Mitchell, Albie Axelrod and Paul Makler, in their baptism of fire, proved beyond doubt their caliber as Olympic competitors. A more detailed appraisal of individual performances will be found in the account of the several events. Yet it is likely that, from the point of view of the international reputation of American fencing, the competence and impartiality of the members of our team as judges and directors made the profoundest impression.

The bane of international fencing is still the difficulty in obtaining a neutral and efficient jury, and the deals and combinations which show a breakdown of basic moral standards and inevitably produce an unjust result. We had some tough breaks in the team events, but by and large had no major complaints about the officiating. In the individual events, however, the situation was frightful. Even when the officials were obviously trying to be fair, the quality of their work would not have been acceptable for any important competition in the United States. It is appalling to realize

how few of the directors (especially in sabre) know the modern game and can analyze the play properly. It is not surprising therefore that American officials were in great demand; in fact, Jose de Capriles' work in this connection drew more compliments from all quarters than if he had won one of the events as a competitor.

Rene Pinchart and George Santelli, as usual, did a wonderful job in coaching our team even with the poor facilities provided for the purpose in Helsinki. They worked long hours before the opening day, and during the 12-day program shuttled back and forth between the armory at West End and the Olympic Village of Kapyla to warm up some of the fencers and complete the training of the others. Stanley Sieja doubled as a first-class manager and trainer, always looking after the comfort and the physical fitness of the team. These three men were the unsung heroes of our delegation; they earned the affection of all the competitors and the undying gratitude of the non-competing captain.

### FOIL TEAM, July 21-22

Christian d'Oriola's tremendous clean sweep—5-0, 5-0, 5-1, 5-2—gave France an 8-6 victory over Italy in the opening event of the Games. The match was halted at that point because France had a 40-57 lead in touches, and Italy could not win even if it took the last two bouts by 5-0 scores. The match was brilliant, and it offered more than the usual fireworks, including a decision by the Belgian director which held up the proceedings for twenty minutes while the Jury of Appeal deliberated and finally ruled it to be in error. Third place went to Hungary (which had handed the United States its only defeat in the quarter finals) by a 9-6 margin over Egypt; the jury in this match included one American director and two American Judges. Mohammed Riaz, who has fenced in the U. S. during the past two years, was a member of the Egyptian team.

The elimination of the United States was a bitter experience, because ordinarily a team stays in unless it is twice beaten. We had expected to reach the finals and to fence Hungary or Egypt for third place. But in the quarter-final, while we were easily winning over Germany, 10-6, the over-confident Hungarians were losing to Argentina, 9-7. The Argentines then defeated Germany, 11-5, while we got off to a good start against Hungary, leading 5-3 at the half-way mark; but in the second half our team lost the magic touch and we were able to win only one of eight bouts, dropping the match 10-6. In the third round of the pool, Hungary crushed the discouraged Germans 14-2 and qualified on bout victories, so that the second qualifying spot hinged on the score of our match with Argentina. We won 9-7, but it was not enough; we needed one more bout to tie and two to insure qualification.

Albie Axelrod was the star foilman of our team; he saved us from an ignominious first-round defeat by sweeping

his four bouts against Romania, and he also won four against Germany in the quarter-final. Nat Lubell was most reliable in the lead-off spot, and always won at least two bouts in each match. Dan Bukantz fenced well against Germany and Argentina, but excessive caution against Hungary cost him three defeats. Silvio Giolito, his nerves on razor edge, was erratic against Romania and lost all his bouts to Hungary when the jury refused to award his ripostes to the back. Byron Krieger, after several close defeats, finally found his best game and defeated the two Galimi brothers of Argentina. Hal Goldsmith took part in only the first match, as the unexpected pressure developed in the quarter-final forced us to rely on our more seasoned fencers; fortunately he will have ample opportunity for international competition during his forthcoming Army assignment in Europe.

George Worth had the honor of directing the first crucial match of the tournament, won by Argentina over the U. S. S. R. by a single touch. It was the first appearance of Russian fencers in the Olympics since the days of the Czar. Now that fencing has become a people's sport, the Soviet Union claims over 30,000 fencers, of which 4,000 are said to hold F.I.E. licenses. The ability they showed in this and the other weapons indicates they will be strong in 1956.

### Preliminaries

Strip 1. HUNGARY 15, SAAR 1; BELGIUM 9, SAAR 3.  
Strip 2. ARGENTINA 8, RUSSIA 8 (64-65 touches against); EGYPT 9, RUSSIA 4.  
Strip 3. GREAT BRITAIN 14, VENEZUELA 2; ITALY 9, VENEZUELA 0.  
Strip 4. SWEDEN 13, AUSTRALIA 3; FRANCE 9, AUSTRALIA 0.  
Strip 5. GERMANY 10, ROMANIA 6; U.S.A. 9, ROMANIA 7.  
**Giolito** (2/2) d. Tudor 5-3, Marinescu 5-3, lost to Valcea 5-4, Chelaru 5-4;  
**Goldsmith** (1/3) d. Chelaru 5-4, lost to Valcea 5-3, Tudor 5-4, Marinescu 5-2;  
**Axelrod** (4/0) d. Valcea 5-4, Tudor 5-4, Marinescu 5-3, Chelaru 5-1;  
**Lubell** (2/2) d. Marinescu 5-3, Chelaru 5-2, lost to Valcea 5-2, Tudor 5-2.

### Quarter-Finals

Strip 1. U.S.A. 10, GERMANY 6.  
**Lubell** (3/1) d. Rossner 5-1, Wahl 5-3, Casimir 5-2, lost to Eisenecker 5-3;  
**Krieger** (0/4) lost to Rossner 5-2, Eisenecker 5-4, Wahl 5-1, Casmir 5-4;  
**Axelrod** (4/0) d. Rossner 5-2, Eisenecker 5-1, Wahl 5-4, Casmir 5-1;  
**Bukantz** (3/1) d. Rossner 5-1, Eisenecker 5-0, Casmir 5-3, lost to Wahl 5-4.  
ARGENTINA 9, HUNGARY 7.  
HUNGARY 10, U.S.A. 6.  
**Lubell** (2/2) d. Palocz 5-4, Maszlay 5-2, lost to Tilly 5-3, Gerevich 5-1;  
**Giolito** (0/4) lost to Palocz 5-2, Maszlay 5-3, Tilly 5-0, Gerevich 5-0;  
**Axelrod** (3/1) d. Maszlay 5-1, Tilly 5-2, Gerevich 5-4, lost to Palocz 5-2;  
**Bukantz** (1/3) d. Palocz 5-4, lost to Maszlay 5-3, Tilly 5-2, Gerevich 5-2.  
ARGENTINA 11, GERMANY 5.  
U.S.A. 9, ARGENTINA 7.  
**Lubell** (2/2) d. Rodriguez 5-3, Massini 5-3, lost to Fulvio Galimi 5-3, Felix Galimi 5-4;  
**Bukantz** (3/1) d. Rodriguez 5-4, Felix Galimi 5-4, Massini 5-1, lost to Fulvio Galimi 5-2;

**Axelrod** (2/2) d. Rodriguez 5-3, Felix Galimi 5-3, lost to Fulvio Galimi 5-4, Massini 5-4;

**Krieger** (2/2) d. Fulvio Galimi 5-1, Felix Galimi 5-4, lost to Rodriguez 5-4, Massini 5-4. HUNGARY 14, GERMANY 2.

(Hungary 31 victories, Argentina 27 victories, U.S.A. 25 victories.)

Strip 2. BELGIUM 9, GREAT BRITAIN 7; FRANCE 9, GREAT BRITAIN 2.

Strip 3. EGYPT 10, SWEDEN 6; ITALY 9, SWEDEN 1.

#### Semi-Final

Strip 1. HUNGARY 11, BELGIUM 5; ITALY 9, BELGIUM 1.

Strip 2. EGYPT 9, ARGENTINA 7; FRANCE 9, ARGENTINA 2.

#### FINAL

1. FRANCE 15, EGYPT 1; ITALY 13, HUNGARY 3.

2. FRANCE 12, HUNGARY 4; ITALY 15, EGYPT 1.

#### Match for Third Place

HUNGARY 9, EGYPT 6.

Maszlay 1/3; Palocz 2/2; Gerevich 2/1; Tilly 4/0.

Dessouski 3/1; Riaz 1/3; Abdel Hafiz 1-3; Younes 1/2.

#### Championship Match

FRANCE 8, ITALY 6 (40-57 touches against) D'Oriola 4/0; Rommel 2/2; Noel 1/2; Lataste 1-2.

Bergamini 3/1; Mangiarotti 2/1; Nostini 1/2; Pellini 0/4.

#### FOIL INDIVIDUAL, July 23-24

Christian d'Oriola, hero of the French victory in the team foils, scored such an overwhelming triumph in the individuals that he was hailed as a second Gaudin, France's great champion of a generation ago. Italy salvaged the next two places with Eduardo Mangiarotti and Manlio DiRosa; while Jehan Buhán, 1948 champion, lost the fourth spot to his teammate Jacques Lataste by two touches. Two complete juries alternated every six bouts in the final; Jose and Miguel de Capriles were the two directors; Axelrod, Bukantz and Krieger were three of the eight judges. The skill of the American officials was rewarded by the most courteous conduct on the part of the contestants and elicited the warmest praise from veteran spectators, who recalled no other major international foil final so smoothly run.

The United States entries fenced fairly well. Albie Axelrod and Nat Lubell made the semi-final (round of 18) and Dan Bukantz barely missed it.

#### Preliminaries (4 qualify from each strip)

BYES: Buhán, D'Oriola, Lataste, (France); Bergamini, DiRosa, Mangiarotti, (Italy); Maszlay, Palocz, Tilly, (Hungary); Dessouki, Riaz, Younes (Egypt).

Strip 1. **LUBELL**, U.S.A., 4/1 (d. Bach 5-4, Gutierrez 5-2, Midler 5-2, Rimini 5-1, lost to Chelaru 5-3); RAMOS, Mexico, 4/1; CHELARU, Romania, 4/1; MIDLER, Russia, 3/2; Bach, Saar, 2/4; Rimini, Uruguay, 0/4; Gutierrez, Venezuela, 0/5.

Strip 2. MAGNUSON, Sweden, 5/1; FELIX GALIMI, Argentina, 4/1; BOKUN, Russia, 4/1; R. V. PAUL, Great Britain, 3/3; \*Lund, Australia, 3/3; \*Kavanagh, Venezuela, 1/5. \*Paul d. Lund 5-3 in fence-off.

Strip 3. ERIKSSON, Sweden, 4/1; MARINESCU, Romania, 3/2; CASMIR, Germany, 3/2; IESI, Uruguay, 2/3; \*Thuillier, Ireland, 2/3; \*Gibson, Australia, 1/4; Loisel, Austria, with drew.

\*Iesi d. Thuillier 5-3 in fence-off.

Strip 4. VERHALLE, Belgium, 5/1; TWAR-DOKENS, Poland, 4/1; R. C. PAUL, Great Britain, 4/2; FULVIO GALIMI, Argentina, 3/2; Wahl, Germany, 2/4; Maki, Japan, 2/4; Soberon, Guatemala, 0/6.

Strip 5. KLETTER, Norway, 5/2; RYDSTROM, Sweden, 5/2; WENDON, Great Britain, 5-1; FETHERS, Australia, 5/2; Eisenecker, Germany, 2/4; Duffy, Ireland, 2/4; Rau, Saar, 2/5; Bertorelli, Venezuela, 0/6.

Strip 6. **AXELROD**, U.S., 5/0 (d. Lindeman 5-2, Rodriguez 5-3, Lopez 5-2, Balister 5-0, Valcea 5-2); BALISTER, Belgium, 5/1; LINDEMAN, Finland, 3/3; \*VALCEA, Romania, 3/3; \*Rodriguez, Argentina, 3/3; \*Brooke, Canada, 1/4; Lopez, Guatemala, 0/5.

\*Lindeman d. Rodriguez 5-4; Valcea d. Rodriguez 5-1 in fence-off.

Strip 7. **BUKANTZ**, U.S.A., 4/1 (d. Pawlowski 5-3, Valcke 5-4, Menendez 5-2, Knodler 5-2, lost to Raitio 5-1); URALOV, Russia, 4/1; VALCKE, Belgium, 4/2; PAWLOWSKI, Poland, 3/2; Raitio, Finland, 1/4; Menendez, Cuba, 1/4; Knodler, Saar, 1/4.

#### Quarter-Final (3 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. DI ROSA, Italy, 4/0; DESSOUKI, Egypt, 3/2; ERIKSSON, Sweden, 3/1; Twardokens, Poland, 2/3; Midler, Russia, 0/4; R. V. Paul, Great Britain, 1/3.

Strip 2. MANGIAROTTI, Italy, 6/0; RIAZ, Egypt, 4/2; RYDSTROM, Sweden, 4/2; Wenden, Great Britain, 2/3; Valcke, Belgium, 2/4; Fulvio Galimi, Argentina, 2/3; Marinescu, Romania, 0/6.

Strip 3. R. C. PAUL, Great Britain, 5/1; TILLY, Hungary, 4/2; \*D'ORIOLO, France, 4/2; \*Uralov, Russia, 4/2; \*Balister, 2/4; Ramos, Mexico, 1/5; Casmir, Germany, 1/5. \*D'Oriola d. Uralov 5-1 and Tilly d. Uralov 5-1 in fence-off.

Strip 4. **AXELROD**, U.S.A., 4/1 (d. Felix Galimi, 5-1, Lindeman 5-2, Iesi, 5-3, Younes 5-4, lost to Bergamini 5-0); BERGAMINI, Italy, 4/2; YOUNES, Egypt, 4/2; Pawlowski, Poland, 3/3; Lindeman, Finland, 3/3; Felix Galimi, Argentina, 2/4; Iesi, Uruguay, 1/5.

Strip 5. LATASTE, France, 6/0; PALOCZ, Hungary, 4/2; VERHALLE, Belgium, 4/2; **Bukantz**, U.S.A., 3/3 (d. Klette 5-4, Bokun 5-2, Valcea 5-2, lost to Palocz 5-4, Lataste 5-2, Verhalle 5-3); Bokun, Russia, 2/4; Klette, Norway, 1/5; Valcea, Romania, 1/5.

Strip 6. BUHAN, France, 4/1; MASZLAY, Hungary, 3/2; **LUBELL**, U.S.A., 2/3 (d. Magnuson 5-2, Maszlay 5-3, lost to Chelaru 5-4, Fethers 5-4, Buhán 5-3); Chelaru, Romania, 2/3; \*Fethers, Australia, 2/3; \*Magnuson, Sweden, 2/3.\*

\*Four-way fence-off for one place ended in triple tie and was resolved on count of touches:

**LUBELL** (2/1) d. Magnuson 5-2 and Fethers 5-2, had total of 30 against; Magnuson 2/1) d. Chelaru 5-3, Fethers 5-2, had 33 against; Chelaru (2/1) d. Lubell 5-3, Fethers 5-3, had 34 against; Fethers lost all bouts in fence-off.

#### Semi-Final (3 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. BUHAN, France, 4/1; BERGAMINI, Italy, 4/1; TILLY, Hungary, 4/1; Verhalle, Belgium, 2/3; **Lubell**, U.S.A., 1/4 (d. Riaz 5-4, lost to Buhán 5-2, Verhalle 5-2, Bergamini 5-2, Tilly 5-3); Riaz, Egypt, 0/5.

Strip 2. MANGIAROTTI, Italy 5/0; LATASTE, France, 4/1; DESSOUKI, Egypt, 2/3; \*Maszlay, Hungary, 2/3; \*Rydstrom, Sweden, 1/4; **Axelrod**, U.S.A., 1/4 (d. Rydstrom 5-2, lost to Lataste 5-4, Laszlay 5-2, Mangiarotti 5-1, Dessouki 5-2).

\*Fence-off: Dessouki d. Maszlay 5-2.

Strip 3. D'ORIOLO, France, 4/1; DI ROSA, Italy, 4/1; YOUNES, Egypt, 3/2; Palocz, Hungary, 2/3; R. C. Paul, Great Britain, 1/4; Eriksson, Sweden, 1/4.

#### FINAL

D'ORIOLO, France	8/0
MANGIAROTTI, Italy	6/2
DI ROSA, Italy	5/3
LATASTE, France	4/4
	(31 against)
BUHAN, France	4/4
	(33 against, 29 for)
YOUNES, Egypt	4/4
	(33 against, 27 for)
DESSOUKI, Egypt	2/6
	(34 against)
BERGAMINI, Italy	2/6
	(36 against)
TILLY, Hungary	1/7

#### EPEE TEAM, July 25-26

Displaying superb competitive poise, Italy's powerful epee team scored an impressive triumph over Sweden, 9-5, in the championship match. However, the star of the final was Bengt Ljungquist, who defeated all four Italians with a remarkable exhibition of counter-time and second intention.

Because of the judging problem, most of the smaller European countries have been concentrating their best fencers in the electrical weapon, so that the epee field was the strongest and most evenly balanced in the entire tournament; in fact, Italy was the only team to reach the finals unbeaten. It had its closest call in the semi-final, when Denmark tied the score at 7-7 (one double loss) with one bout to go; but Eduardo Mangiarotti once against proved his class by defeating Mogens Luchow, 1950 world champion, 3-1 after yielding the first touch. Sweden's epeeists were brilliant but erratic; they lost to Great Britain in the quarter-final and to Hungary in the semi-final, yet recovered each time to qualify and to finish, physically exhausted, in second place. The bronze medals went to Switzerland, which barely squeezed past Belgium on touches in the quarter-final, and lost to Sweden by identical scores in both the semi-final and final. Luxembourg, fourth, lost to Hungary in the quarter-final, but had the distinction of eliminating France in the battle for the second qualifying spot in that round; it was the first time in the memory of veteran observers that a French epee team had failed to reach the finals of a world or Olympic championship.

Considerable interest was aroused in the first round when the United States and the USSR met in the opening match, especially since the Soviets jumped to an unexpected 5-2 lead. But with Paul Makler coolly mowing down the opposition, the Americans decisively won 6 of the next 7 bouts to clinch the match on touches at 8-6; the last two bouts, dropped by Jose de Capriles and Al Skrobisch, made no difference, as Italy also defeated and thereby eliminated the Russians.

In the quarter-final, while the United States was being beaten by Denmark's superior reach and accuracy of point, Great Britain upset favored Sweden. But the Swedes, who have long had the Indian sign on their Scandinavian neighbors, crushed Denmark; and the Americans, led by de Capriles' clean sweep, defeated their British cousins. The third round of the pool saw Denmark defeat

Great Britain on touches, while the Swedes' superior skill and athletic ability slowly overcame the Americans' stubborn resistance in a well-fought match characterized by several near-time-limit bouts.

Makler and de Capriles were the mainstays of the U. S. epee team, fencing all the way through even though they were obviously tired toward the end. Ed Vebell and Albert Wolff were the next best, showing to superior advantage in the Swedish match. Al Skrobisch and Jimmy Strauch, who had finished one-two in the Olympic tryouts, had trouble in adjusting themselves to international competition. In addition, two other Americans saw action in epee, this time again by popular demand as directors: Tracy Jaeckel and Tibor Nyilas handed two of the final-round matches.

#### Preliminaries

Strip 1. GREAT BRITAIN 10, POLAND 6; SWEDEN 9, POLAND 0.

Strip 2. U.S.A. 8, RUSSIA 8 (29-32 touches against)

**Makler** (4/0) d. Bulgakov 3-2, Udras 3-0, Sajchuk 3-0, Deksbakh 3-1;

**de Capriles** (2/2) d. Bulgakov 3-0, Udras 3-2, lost to Sajchuk 3-0, Deksbakh 3-2;

**Vebell** (1/3) d. Sajchuk 3-0, lost to Bulgakov 3-0, Udras 3-1, Deksbakh 3-1;

**Skrobisch** (1/3) d. Bulgakov 3-0, lost to Udras 3-1, Sajchuk 3-2, Deksbakh 3-1.

ITALY 8, RUSSIA 4.

Strip 3. HUNGARY 15, BRAZIL 1; SWITZERLAND 8, BRAZIL 2.

Strip 4. DENMARK 14, VENEZUELA 2; BELGIUM 9, PORTUGAL 6.

BELGIUM 11, VENEZUELA 4; DENMARK 8, PORTUGAL 4.

Strip 5. FINLAND 11, AUSTRALIA 4; LUXEMBURG 8, AUSTRALIA 2.

Strip 6. NORWAY 8, EGYPT 6; FRANCE 8, EGYPT 3.

#### Quarter-Final

Strip 1. FRANCE 8, FINLAND 7; HUNGARY 10, LUXEMBURG 4; LUXEMBURG 9, FRANCE 6; HUNGARY 12, FINLAND 3; HUNGARY 9, FRANCE 5; LUXEMBURG 10, FINLAND 6; (Hungary and Luxemburg qualify.)

Strip 2. SWITZERLAND 7, BELGIUM 7 (35-38 touches against); ITALY 12, NORWAY 3; SWITZERLAND 8, NORWAY 3; ITALY 8, BELGIUM 1.

Strip 3. GREAT BRITAIN 8, SWEDEN 7; DENMARK 9, U.S.A. 6.

**Makler** (2/2) d. Dydkaer 3-2, Carnera 3-2, lost to Swane-Lund 3-2, Luchow 3-0;

**Strauch** (2/2) d. Carnera 3-2, Luchow 3-2, lost to Dydkaer 3-0, Swane-Lund 3-2;

**de Capriles** (1½/1½) d. Carnera 3-2, tied Dydkaer, lost to Swane-Lund 3-2, Luchow 3-2;

**Skrobisch** (1/3) d. Swane-Lund 3-2, lost to Dydkaer 3-0, Carnera 3-1, Luchow 3-1.

SWEDEN 14, DENMARK 2; U.S.A. 9, GREAT BRITAIN 7;

**de Capriles** (4/0) d. Grose-Hodge 3-1, Jay 3-2, Parfitt 3-1, Harrison 3-0;

**Makler** (3/1) d. Grose-Hodge 3-2, Jay 3-2, Harrison 3-1, lost to Parfitt 3-2;

**Wolff** (2/2) d. Jay 3-2, Harrison 3-2, lost to Grose-Hodge 3-2, Parfitt 3-2;

**Strauch** (0/4) lost to Grose-Hodge 3-2, Jay 3-2, Parfitt 3-2, Harrison 3-2.

DENMARK 8, GREAT BRITAIN 8 (34/37 touches against);

SWEDEN 9, U.S.A. 5;

**Vebell** (2/1) d. Fahlman 3-2, Forssell 3-2, lost to Reh binder 3-0;

**Wolff** (2/1) d. Reh binder 3-1, Fahlman 3-1, lost to Magnuson 3-0;

**de Capriles** (1/3) d. Reh binder 3-1, lost to Fahlman 3-1, Magnuson 3-2, Forssell 3-2;

**Makler** (0/4) lost to Reh binder 3-2, Fahlman 3-0, Magnuson 3-2, Forssell 3-2. (Sweden and Denmark qualify.)

#### Semi-Final

Strip 1. HUNGARY 9, SWEDEN 6; SWITZERLAND 12, HUNGARY 4; SWEDEN 8, SWITZERLAND 6; (Switzerland and Sweden qualify.)

Strip 2. ITALY 8; DENMARK 7; LUXEMBURG 10, DENMARK 5.

#### FINAL

1. SWEDEN 8, SWITZERLAND 6; ITALY 12, LUXEMBURG 2.

2. SWEDEN 13, LUXEMBURG 3; ITALY 12, SWITZERLAND 4.

#### Match for Third Place

SWITZERLAND 8, LUXEMBURG 4.

Rufenacht 3/0; Meister 1/2; Zappelli 1/2; Barth 3/1.

Gretsch 2/1; Anen 1/2; Leischen 1/2; Barth 0/4.

#### Championship Match

ITALY 8, SWEDEN 5.

D. Mangiarotti 1/3; Bertinetti 3/1; Pavesi 2/1; E. Mangiarotti 2/1.

Ljundquist 4/0; Forssell 1/2; Fahlman 0/4; Carleson 0/3.

#### WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL, July 26-27

Irene Camber of Italy, often beaten in the early rounds, dethroned the most durable women's champion in history by twice defeating the formidable Ilona Elek of Hungary by 4-3 scores. Karen Lachmann of Denmark, rated as Elek's chief rival, fell victim to her usual final-round jitters, but salvaged third place on the fence-off of a quadruple tie involving Janice-Lee York (U.S.A.), Renee Garilhe (France) and Maxine Mitchell (U.S.A.), who finished in that order.

Up to the three-quarter mark in the final, Elek seemed to have her third straight Olympic title (she first won in 1936) within easy reach, as she led the field with 5 wins and no losses. Next she met Mitchell, scored the first two touches, and then the roof caved in: With the jury apparently unwilling to believe their eyes, Mitchell scored ten hits in a row (getting credit for four) and Elek never came close. It was a tremendous battle and both women were "finished" after it. Camber, who had lost to both York and Mitchell, caught Elek in the next bout and then beat her again in the fence-off for the championship; Mitchell missed a tie for first when she lost to Garilhe in her next bout, and then dropped all three of her bouts in the fence-off for third place. Meanwhile, York had recovered from her unexpected loss to Mitchell in the first bout of the final and also had a chance to tie for first; but she was beaten by Lachmann. Thus it was that a single victory separated the top six girls, and that the two American finalists finished fourth and sixth.

Our three entries in this event produced the best results in the history of American women's fencing. York equalled the high-water mark set by Maria Cerro (Tishman) in 1948, and is widely regarded in Europe as a potential world champion. Mitchell's sixth place is the next best we have done; and Polly Craus, who made the semi-final (round of 16) kept up our remarkably fine average performance. No other country did as well: Austria also placed all three of her representatives as far as the semi-final, but

none made the final; Hungary and France had two finalists, as we did, but lost the third entry in the quarter-finals.

#### Preliminaries (4 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. ALLGAYER, Germany, 4/0; M. ELEK, Hungary, 4/0; GARILHE, France, 3/2; SHEEN, Great Britain, 2/3; Cecari, Italy, 1/4; Soltan, Poland, 0/5.

Strip 2. LACHMANN, Denmark, 4/1; CAMBER, Italy, 4/1; BULLER, Great Britain, 4/2; SCHITIKOVA, Russia, 3/3; Kalka, Finland, 2/4; Włodarczyk, Poland, 2/4; Selle, Venezuela, 0/5.

Strip 3. I. ELEK, Hungary, 4/0; FILZ, Austria, 3/1; DRAND, France, 3/2; IRIGOYEN, Argentina, 3/2; Sjoblom, Finland, 1/4; Muller, Venezuela, 0/5.

Strip 4. YORK, U.S.A., 4/0 (d. Lecomte 4-3, Pym 4-1, Mattson 4-1, Plekhanova 4-0, lost none); PREIS, Austria, 3/1; LECOMTE, France, 3/2; PLEKHAANOVA, Russia, 2/2;

Pym, Australia, 1/4; Mattson, Finland, 0/4.

Strip 5. CRAUS, U.S.A., 3/2 (d. Glen Haig 4-3, Mahaut 4-1, Newrocka 4-2, lost to Rieder 4-2, Strukel 4-2); GLEN HAIG, Great Britain, 3/2; STRUKEL, Italy, 3/2; NAWROCKA, Poland, 3/1; Mahaut, Denmark, 1/4; Rieder, Switzerland, 1/3.

Strip 6. KUNZ, Austria, 4/1; NYARI, Hungary, 3/2; PONOMAREVA, Russia, 4/1;

**MITCHELL**, U.S.A., 2/3 (d. Poulsen 4-2, Norford 4-1, lost to Kunz 4-3, Nyari 4-0, Ponomareva 4-1);\* Poulsen, Denmark, 2/3;\* Norford, Australia, 0/5.

\*Fence-off: Mitchell 4, Poulsen 4-2.

**Quarter-Final** (4 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. I. ELEK, Hungary, 5/0; CAMBER, Italy, 4/1; KUNZ, Austria, 2/3; CRAUS, U.S.A., 2/3 (d. Kunz 4-2, Schitikova 4-3, lost to I. Elek 4-3, Camber 4-0, Sheen 4-2); Schitikova, Russia, 1/4; Sheen, Great Britain, 1/4.

Strip 2. YORK, U.S.A., 4/1 (d. Nawrocka 4-3, Preis 4-3, Glen Haig 4-3, Irigoyen 4-2, lost to Garilhe 4-1); PREIS, Austria, 3/2; GARILHE, France, 3/1; GLEN HAIG, Great Britain, 2/3;\* Nawrocka, Poland, 2/3;\* Irigoyen, Argentina, 0/4.

\*Glen Haig d. Nawrocka 4-3 in fence-off.

Strip 3. LACHMANN, Denmark, 4/1; **MITCHELL**, U.S.A., 3/2 (d. M. Elek 4-1, Filz 4-3, Ponomareva 4-0, lost to Lachmann 4-3, Lecomte 4-2); LECOMTE, France, 2/3;\* FILZ, Austria, 2/3;\* M. Elek, Hungary, 2/3;\* Ponomareva, Russia, 2/3.\*

\*In four-way fence-off for two places Filz d. Elek 4-3, Lecomte 4-3, Ponomareva 4-3; Lecomte d. Elek 4-2, Ponomareva 4-0; M. Elek d. Ponomareva 4-1.

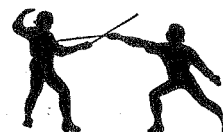
Strip 4. PLEKHAANOVA, Russia, 5/0; ALLGAYER, Germany, 3/2; NYARI, Hungary, 3/2; STRUKEL, Italy, 2/3; Drand, France, 1/4; Buller, Great Britain, 0/5.

**Semi-Final** (4 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. LACHMANN, Denmark, 7/0; LECOMTE, France, 5/2; YORK, U.S.A., 4/3 (d. Strukel 4-3, Craus 4-1, Nyari 4-1, Lecomte 4-2, lost to Lachmann 4-3, Preis 4-2, Kunz 4-3); NYARI, Hungary, 4/3; Preis, Austria, 3/4; Strukel, Italy, 3/4; Kunz, Austria, 1/6;

Craus, U.S.A., 1/6 (d. Kunz 4-1, lost to Lachmann 4-0, Lecomte 4-2, York 4-1, Nyari 4-2, Preis 4-2, Strukel 4-3).

Strip 2. I. ELEK, Hungary, 6/0; GARILHE, France, 5/1; **MITCHELL**, U.S.A., 5/2 (d. Allgayer 4-3, Camber 4-3, Plekhanova 4-3, Glen Haight 4-1, Filz 4-1, lost to I. Elek 4-1, Garilhe 4-1); CAMBER, Italy, 4/3; Glen Haig, Great Britain, 2/4; Allgayer, Germany, 2/5; Plakhanova, Russia, 1/6; Filz, Austria, 1/5.



## FINAL

CAMBER, Italy 5/2\*  
 I. ELEK, Hungary, 5/2\*  
 LACHMANN, Denmark, 4/3\*\*  
**YORK**, U.S.A., 4/3 (d. Garilhe 4-3, Camber 4-3, Nyari 4-1, Lecomte 4-3, lost to Mitchell 4-3, Elek 4-2, Lachmann 4-2);\*\*  
 GARILHE, France, 4/3\*\*  
**MITCHELL**, U.S.A., 4/3 (d. Elek 4-2, Camber 4-1, Lecomte 4-2, York 4-3, lost to Lachmann 4-1, Garilhe 4-2, Nyari 4-2);\*\*  
 LECOMTE, France, 1/6 (24 against)  
 NYARI, Hungary, 1/6 (26 against)  
 \*Fence-off for first place: Camber d. Elek 4-3.  
 \*\*Fence-off for third place:  
 Lachmann (3/0) d. Mitchell 4-1, Garilhe 4-3, York 4-0;  
 York (2/1) d. Mitchell 4-1, Garilhe 4-2;  
 Garilhe (1/2) d. Mitchell 4-0;  
 Mitchell lost three.

## EPEE INDIVIDUAL, July 27-28

Eduardo Mangiarotti of Italy, undoubtedly the outstanding fencer of the 1952 Games, won the individual epee title and thereby finished eight consecutive days of top-flight competition with four Olympic medals—two gold (epee team and individual) and two silver (foil team and individual). His brother Dario defeated Switzerland's Oswald Zappelli and Luxembourg's Leon Buck in the fence-off for second place. Zappelli took third.

For the United States, Vebell was outstanding; he gave a good account of himself through the semi-final (round of 20), and he confirmed the international quality of his style, as first demonstrated in the Pan-American Games last year. Makler went out on a triple fence-off in the first round under the old-fashioned rules used for the last time in this tournament; the four losses charged against him were all 3-3 ties, which counted as double defeats, so that he was not actually beaten in the regular round-robin; he then lost both of his bouts in the fence-off. Skrobisch, who was selected for various reasons for the individuals over Wolff's superior claim on the team records, also was the victim of two double losses in the first round, and was eliminated on the fence-off of a four-way tie for qualification. Jose de Capriles did not compete because of his sabre-team assignment.

## Preliminaries (4 qualify from each pool)

BYES: E. Mangiarotti, D. Mangiarotti, Pavesi (Italy); Carleson, Fahlman, Forssell (Sweden); Bartha, Meister, Zappelli (Switzerland); Buck, Gretschi, Leischen (Luxemburg).  
 Strip 1. KRAJEWSKI, Poland, 5/1; OLIVA, Mexico, 5/2; KERTTULA, Finland, 4/3; SAKOVITS, Hungary, 4/2; Henrich, Belgium, 2/4; Gutierrez, Venezuela, 2/4; Eriksen, Norway, 2/5; Lopez, Guatemala, 0/7.  
 Strip 2. CARNERA, Denmark, 5/2; ABDELRAHMAN, Egypt, 5/2; MERAZ, Mexico, 5/2; MOURAU, Portugal, 4/3; Marcondea, Brazil, 4/3; Simonetti, Argentina, 2/4; Ton That, Viet Nam, 2/5; Carpenter, Ireland, 1/5.  
 \*Fence-off: Mourau d. Marcondea 3-1.  
 Strip 3. RERRICH, Hungary, 5/2; JAY, Great Britain, 4/2; RYDZ, Poland, 4/3; PEKELMAN, Brazil, 4/3; Chelaru, Romania, 3/4; Deksbakh, Russia, 3/4; Duffy, Ireland, 1-6; Bertorelli, Venezuela, 1-5.  
 Strip 4. LUCHOW, Denmark, 5/0; MAGUET, Belgium, 5/2; **VEBELL**, U.S.A., 4/2 (d. Przedziecki 3-2, Uray 3-0, Brooke 3-2, Massini 3-2, tied Stanmore, lost to Maguet 3-0); PRZEDZIECKI, Poland, 3/4; Brooke, Canada, 3/4; Massini, Argentina, 2/5;

Uray, Romania, 1/5; Stanmore, Australia, 1/4.

\*Przedziecki d. Brooke 3-1 in fence-off.  
 Strip 5. LUND, Australia, 5/1; DYDKAER, Denmark, 5/1; DELAUNOIS, Belgium, 4/3; KOSS, Norway, 4/3; Mouyal, France, 3/4; Rettberg, Argentina, 2/5; Udras, Russia, 1/5; Menendez, Cuba, 1/5.

Strip 6. PINTO, Portugal, 6/0; NIGON, France, 6/1; PARFITT, Great Britain, 4/3; KEARNEY, Ireland, 3/4; Soberon, Guatemala, 3/4; de Paula, Brazil, 3/4; Sajchuk, Russia, 2/5; Raitio, Finland, 1/6.

\*Fence-off: Kearney d. Soberon 3-1 and de Paula 3-2.

Strip 7. RAMOS, Mexico, 4/3; WIIK, Finland, 4/3; BREZSENYI, Hungary, 4/3; BOUGNOL, France, 3/4; **SKROBISCH**, U.S.A., 3/4 (d. Maki 3-1, Ramos 3-0, Bougnol 3-0, tied Camous and Brezsenyi, lost to Krogell 3-1, Wiik 3-0); Camous, Venezuela, 3/4; Krogell, Germany, 3/4; Maki, Japan, 1/6.

\*Fence-off: Bougnol (2/1) d. Krogell 3-0, Camous 3-2 (17 against); Camous (2/1) d. Krogell 3-1, Skrobisch 3-2 (19 against); **SKROBISCH** (1/2) d. Bougnol 3-0; Krogell (1/2) d. Skrobisch 3-2.

Strip 8. MARINESCU, Romania, 5/2; KNUTSEN, Norway, 4/3; FETHERS, Australia, 3/4; PEREIRA DIAS, Portugal, 3/4; **MAKLER**, U.S.A., 3/4 (d. Paul 3-0, Marinescu 3-0, Fethers 3-2, tied Chocano, Asselin, Dias and Knutsen, lost none); Paul, Great Britain, 2/5; Asselin, Canada, 1/6; Chocano, Guatemala, 1/6.

\*Fence-off: Dias d. Makler 3-2; Fethers d. Makler 3-2.

## Quarter-Final (4 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. D. MANGIAROTTI, Italy, 6/1; FAHLMAN, Sweden, 6/1; MAGUET, Belgium, 5/3; BOUGNOL, France, 5/3; Oliva, Mexico, 4/4; Marinescu, Romania, 3/5; Pekelman, Brazil, 3/5; Rydz, Poland, 2/5; Pinto, Portugal, 0/6.

Strip 2. E. MANGIAROTTI, Italy, 5/2; JAY, Great Britain, 5/2; **VEBELL**, U.S.A., 4/3 (d. Meraz 3-0, Nigon 3-0, Mourau 3-2, Jay 3-2, lost to E. Mangiarotti 3-0, Rerrich 3-1, Meister 3-2); MOURAU, Portugal, 4/3; Meraz, Mexico, 3/4; Nigon, France, 3/4; Rerrich, Hungary, 2/5; Meister, Switzerland, 1/6.

Strip 3. PAVESI, Italy, 5/3; BUCK, Luxembourg, 5/3; ABDELRAHMAN, Egypt, 5/3; DYDKAER, Denmark, 4/4; Barth, Switzerland, 4/4; Przedziecki, Poland, 2/6; Koss, Norway, 2/6; Lund, Australia, 1/7; Pereira Dias, Portugal, 1/7.

\*Dydkaer d. Barth 3-1 in fence-off.

Strip 4. GRETSCHE, Luxembourg, 5/3; WIIK, Finland, 5/3; LUCHOW, Denmark, 4/3; FORSSELL, Sweden, 4/4; Berzsenyi, Hungary, 4/4; Delaunois, Belgium, 4/4; Krajewski, Poland, 3/5; Parfitt, Great Britain, 3/5; Ramos, Mexico, 1/7.

\*Fence-off: Forssell d. Berzsenyi 3-2, Delaunois 3-1.

Strip 5. KERTTULA, Finland, 6/1; CARLESON, Sweden, 5/3; SAKOVITS, Hungary, 4/4; ZAPPELLI, Switzerland, 4/4; Fethers, Australia, 4/4; Carnera, Denmark, 3/5; Leischen, Luxembourg, 2/6; Knutsen, Norway, 2/6; Kearney, Island, 2/6.

\*Fence-off: Sakovitz d. Fethers 3-1, Zappelli d. Fethers 3-0.

## Semi-Final (5 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. LUCHOW, Denmark, 7/2; SAKOVITS, Hungary, 6/3; D. MANGIAROTTI, Italy, 6/3; CARLESON, Sweden, 6/3; BUCK, Luxembourg, 5/4; Abdel-Rahman, Egypt, 4/5; Wiik, Finland, 4/5; Jay, Great Britain, 4/5; **VEBELL**, U.S.A., 3/6 (d. Bougnol 3-1, Abdel Rahman 3-2, Jay 3-0, lost to Mangiarotti 3-0, Carleson 3-0, Buck 3-0, Wiik 3-2, Luchow 3-2, Sakovits 3-2); Bougnol, France, 0/9.

Strip 2. E. MANGIAROTTI, Italy, 9/0; KERTTULA, Finland, 6/3; ZAPPELLI, Switzerland, 6/3; PAVESI, Italy, 5/4; FORSSELL, Swe-

den, 5/4; Fahlman, Sweden, 4/5; Mourau, Portugal, 2/7; Maguet, Belgium, 2/7; Gretschi, Luxembourg, 2/7; Dydkaer, Denmark, 2/7.

## FINAL

1. E. MANGIAROTTI, Italy, 7/2  
 2. D. MANGIAROTTI, Italy, 6/3\*  
 3. ZAPPELLI, Switzerland, 6/3\*  
 4. BUCK, Luxembourg, 6/3\*  
 5. SAKOVITS, Hungary, 5/4  
 6. PAVESI, Italy, 4/5  
 7. CARLESON, Sweden, 3/6 (20 against)  
 8. FORSSELL, Sweden, 3/6 (23 against)  
 9. KERTTULA, Finland, 2/7 (23 against)  
 10. LUCHOW, Denmark, 2/7 (25 against)  
 \*In fence-off, Dr. Mangiarotti d. Zappelli 3-2 and Buck 3-1; Zappelli d. Buck 3-1.

## SABRE TEAM, July 29-30

Hungary's perfect record in the world and Olympic sabre team championships hung in the balance when Italy led 7-5 at the three-quarter mark in the final match; but more was at stake for the fencing veterans whose victories are translated into aristocratic privilege in the people's democracies behind the Iron Curtain. The embattled Hungarians rose to the occasion: Rudolf Karpati shut out Roberto Ferrari, Tibor Berzsevi blanked Renzo Nostini, and Aladar Gerevich—the 1948 Olympic champion who had dropped his first three bouts—turned back Enzo Pinto, 5-3. With eight victories and a 14-touch advantage for the defending titleholders, the match was over. Italy's former world champion, Gastone Dare, who had reached great heights in capturing his first three bouts, broke down and wept when the result was announced; he was scheduled to face Paul Kovacs in his last bout.

France and the United States were the other two finalists. France dropped a truncated and odoriferous first-round match to a tough Polish team of fast and well-trained youngsters, but clearly earned its place in the final by defeating Belgium and a truly fine Austrian team. The United States, thanks to George Worth's clean sweep, outscored the Poles 10-6 in the semi-finals, and then beat Great Britain to enter the final. But the latter victory was costly; Tibor Nyilas sprained his wrist in defeating the left-handed Wendon and was unavailable for the final round. Under the circumstances, the United States pointed for third place and so did the French. It was a dogfight, obscured by the fact that the interest of the spectators was concentrated on the championship match being fought simultaneously because of the late hour. France got off to an early lead, but the United States caught up at the three-quarter mark, at 6-6, when Jose de Capriles beat Jean Laroyenne, Jean Levavasseur then nosed out Worth, 5-4, for his fourth victory in the match, and Jacques Lefevre clinched it on touches by blanking Alex Treves. Since Allan Kwartler and de Capriles were heavily favored to beat Laroyenne and Maurice Piot in the two remaining but unnecessary bouts, it seems clear that the loss of Nyilas (a good risk for at least three victories) meant the loss of the bronze medals for the United States.

It was a tough break for a fine sabre team. Worth was a magnificent and reliable lead-off man who spark-plugged the team on its way to the finals; Treves

did almost as well in the first four matches, fencing with the poise of a veteran; Nyilas came through when necessary so long as he could hold a sabre; de Capriles and Kwartler, despite indifferent officiating, held their own against the top-ranking sabremen; and Armitage fenced much better than the official scores of the final round indicate.

#### Preliminaries

Strip 1. POLAND 8, ROMANIA 8 (63-63 touches against); FRANCE 11, ROMANIA 5; POLAND 6, FRANCE 1. (Poland had 14 victories to Romania's 13.)

Strip 2. AUSTRIA 13, VENEZUELA 3; ITALY 9, VENEZUELA 1.

Strip 3. DENMARK 12, AUSTRALIA 4; EGYPT 9, AUSTRALIA 1.

Strip 4. GERMANY 9, RUSSIA 7; BELGIUM 9, RUSSIA 2.

Strip 5. HUNGARY 15, SAAR 1; ARGENTINA 9, PORTUGAL 5; HUNGARY 15, PORTUGAL 1; ARGENTINA 12, SAAR 4.

Strip 6. GREAT BRITAIN 11, SWITZERLAND 5; U.S.A. 9, SWITZERLAND 2.

Treves (3/0) d. Zappelli 5-3, Greter 5-0, Menegalli 5-3;

de Capriles (3/0) d. Amez-Droz 5-4, Greter 5-4, Menegalli 5-3;

Worth (2/1) d. Amez-Droz 5-2, Greter 5-0, lost to Zappelli 5-3;

Armitage (1/1) d. Amez-Droz 5-2, lost to Menegalli 5-4.

#### Quarter-Final

Strip 1. GREAT BRITAIN 9, ARGENTINA 7; ITALY 9, ARGENTINA 1.

Strip 2. AUSTRIA 13, DENMARK 3; HUNGARY 9, DENMARK 0.

Strip 3. U.S.A. 11, GERMANY 5.

Worth (3/1) d. Fascher 5-2, Liebscher 5-1, Esser 5-0, lost to Rossner 5-1;

Treves (3/1) d. Rossner 5-4, Liebscher 5-3, Esser 5-2, lost to Fascher 5-3;

Nyilas (3/1) d. Fascher 5-0, Rossner 5-1, Liebscher 5-3, lost to Esser 5-1;

Kwartler (2/2) d. Rossner 5-3, Liebscher 5-1, lost to Fascher 5-4, Esser 5-2.

FRANCE 9, GERMANY 3.

Strip 4. POLAND 10, EGYPT 6; BELGIUM 9, EGYPT 5.

#### Semi-Final

Strip 1. HUNGARY 13, FRANCE 3; AUSTRIA 9, BELGIUM 7; HUNGARY 13, BELGIUM 3; FRANCE 10, AUSTRIA 6; HUNGARY 12, AUSTRIA 4; FRANCE 7, BELGIUM 6. (France had 20 victories and Belgium could get only 19 even if it won the remaining bouts.)

Strip 2. U.S.A. 10, POLAND 6.

Worth (4/0) d. Twardokens 5-4, Suski 5-3, Zablocki 5-2, Pawlowski 5-3;

Treves (2/2) d. Twardokens 5-2, Suski 5-1, lost to Zablocki 5-1, Pawlowski 5-2;

Kwartler (2/1) d. Twardokens 5-0, Suski 5-4, lost to Zablocki 5-2, Pawlowski 5-4;

Nyilas (2/1) d. Twardokens 5-3, Suski 5-0, lost to Zablocki 5-3, Pawlowski 5-4.

ITALY 11, GREAT BRITAIN 5; ITALY 11, POLAND 4;

U.S.A. 9, GREAT BRITAIN 5.

Worth (3/1) d. Tredgold 5-4, Porebski 5-2, Beatley 5-3, lost to Wendon 5-2;

Armitage (2/1) d. Tredgold 5-3, Beatley 5-3, lost to Porebski 5-2;

Nyilas (2/1) d. Tredgold 5-2, Wendon 5-1, lost to Porebski 5-4;

Treves (2/2) d. Tredgold 5-3, Wendon 5-3, lost to Porebski 5-3, Beatley 5-2.

#### FINAL

ITALY 15, FRANCE 3;

HUNGARY 13, U.S.A. 3.

de Capriles (2/2) d. Karpati 5-4, Kovacs 5-4, lost to Papp 5-2, Berczelly 5-2;

Kwartler (1/3) d. Kovacs 5-3, lost to Papp 5-2, Berczelly 5-1, Karpati 5-3;

Armitage (0/4) lost to Papp 5-4, Berczelly 5-1, Karpati 5-3, Kovacs 5-2;

Treves (0/4) lost to Papp 5-1, Berczelly 5-1, Karpati 5-0, Kovacs 5-2.

HUNGARY 13, FRANCE 3;

ITALY 12, U.S.A. 4.

Worth (2/2) d. Nostini 5-2, Ferrari 5-2, lost to Pinton 5-4, Racca 5-1;

de Capriles (1/3) d. Nostini 5-4, lost to Pinton 5-4, Racca 5-4, Ferrari 5-3;

Kwartler (1/3) d. Nostini 5-4, lost to Pinton 5-4, Ferrari 5-1, Racca 5-2;

Armitage (0/4) lost to Pinton 5-3, Nostini 5-2, Ferrari 5-2, Racca 5-3.

#### Match for Third Place

FRANCE 8, U.S.A. 6 (48-60 touches against)

Worth (2/2) d. Laroyenne 5-4, Piot 5-4, lost to Lefevre 5-2, Levavasseur 5-4;

Kwartler (2/1) d. Lefevre 5-1, Piot 5-4, lost to Levavasseur 5-1;

de Capriles (1/2) d. Laroyenne 5-4, lost to Levavasseur 5-3, Lefevre 5-1;

Treves (1/3) d. Piot 5-3, lost to Lefevre 5-0, Laroyenne 5-4, Levavasseur 5-3.

#### Championship Match

HUNGARY 8, ITALY 7 (50-64 touches against)

Karpati 3/1; Kovacs 2/1; Berczelly 2/2; Gerevich 1/3.

Dare 3/0; Ferrari 2/2; Pinton 1/3; Nostini 1/3.

#### SABRE INDIVIDUAL, July 31-August 1

Paul Kovacs of Hungary defeated his team-mate Aladar Gerevich, defending Olympic sabre champion, in an early bout of the final round, and this proved to be decisive for the 1952 title. Kovacs had a close call in his last bout, against the once-great Pinton of Italy, when he trailed at 4-2 with less than two minutes of time remaining. A courageous reprise of attack on Pinton's hesitating riposte made it 4-3 with one minute to go; then a lightning parry-riposte tied up the bout, and a flying counter-riposte on the fleche clinched the title in true championship style. Berczelly made it a clean sweep of the individual medals for Hungary when he defeated Dare, the Italian ace, in the fence-off for third place.

For the United States, Jose de Capriles (who replaced the injured Nyilas) was outstanding; fencing under a competent Hungarian director, he shared the lead in his quarter-final pool with Levavasseur and Pinton; but he missed a probable place in the final when he lost three bouts by 5-4 after a series of unfortunate errors on the part of the French director in charge of his semi-final pool (round of 18). George Worth and Allan Kwartler were also the victims of unbelievably poor officiating in the quarter-finals, attributed by the committee in charge to the fact that too many fencers and good officials had left before the final event.

Under the circumstances it was not surprising that Americans were again given a major role in the conduct of the final match. Miguel de Capriles headed one of the two juries, with Kwartler as a judge; the second director was Erwin Casimir of Germany, and he had an "All-American" jury consisting of Jose de Capriles and Paul Makler of the United States, and Edgardo Pomini and Daniel Sande of Argentina.

#### Preliminaries (4 qualify from each strip)

BYES: Berczelly, Gerevich, Kovacs (Hungary); Dare, Nostini, Pinton (Italy); Lefevre, Levavasseur, Tournon (France); de Capriles, Kwartler, Worth (U.S.A.).

Strip 1. LOISEL, Austria, 6/1; SUSKI, Poland, 4/3; POMINI, Argentina, 4/3; SZANTAY, Romania, 4/3; Menegalli, Switzerland, 3-4;

Ruben, Denmark, 3/4; Sandner, Venezuela, 2/5; Lund, Australia, 2/5.

Strip 2. ZABLOCKI, Poland, 6/1; BEATLEY, Great Britain, 5/2; FASCHER, Germany, 5/2; PLATTNER, Austria, 4/3; \* Molnar, Brazil, 4/3; \* Gibson, Australia 2/5; Bach, Saar, 2/5; Pessanha, Portugal, 0/7. \*Plattner d. Molnar 5-3 in fence-off.

Strip 3. MOHR, Argentina, 5/1; OLIVA, Mexico, 4/2; GRUTH, Romania, 4/2; LECHNER, Austria, 4/2; Eesser, Germany, 3/3; Abou-Shadi, Agypt, 1/5; Asselin, Canada, 0/6.

Strip 4. HEYVAERT, Belgium, 5/2; PAWLOWSKI, Poland, 5-2; MANAENKO, Russia, 5/2; CARNERA, Denmark, 3/4; \* Rau, Saar, 3/4; \* Fethers, Australia, 2/5; Camara, Mexico, 2/5; A. Gutierrez, Venezuela, 1/6. \*Carnera d. Rau 5-4 in fence-off.

Strip 5. BELJAKOV, Russia, 4/2; BALISTER, Belgium, 4/2; ANDERSON, Great Britain, 4/2; SANDE, Argentina, 3/3; Ramos, Mexico, 2/4; Eriksen, Norway, 2/4; Pinto Ferreira, Portugal, 1/5.

Strip 6. NORDIN, Sweden, 5/2; VANDER AUWERA, Belgium, 5/2; TUDOR, Romania, 5/2; AMEZ-DROZ, Switzerland, 4-3; \* Liebscher, Germany, 4/3; \* Lopez Ortega, Venezuela, 1/6; Lopez, Guatemala, 1/6; Knodler, Saar, 1/6. \*Amesz-Droz d. Liebscher 5-2 in fence-off.

Strip 7. FREY, Denmark, 6/1; GRETER, Switzerland, 5/2; KUZNECOV, Russia, 5/2; ABDEL-RAHMAN, Agypt, 4/3; \* Ericksson, Sweden, 4/3; \* Andrade de Silva, Portugal, 2/5; Maki, Japan, 0/6; Porebski, Great Britain, 0/6. \*Abdel-Rahman d. Ericksson 5-4 in fence-off.

#### Quarter-Final (4 qualify from each strip)

Strip 1. BERCZELLY, Hungary, 5/2; LECHNER, Austria, 5/2; TUDOR, Romania, 5/2; HEYVAERT, Belgium, 4/3; Tournon, France, 3/4; Beljakov, Russia, 3/4; Greter, Switzerland, 2/4; Carnera, Denmark, 1/6.

Strip 2. GEREVICH, Hungary, 6/1; MANAENKO, Russia, 5/2; SUSKI, Poland, 5/2; NOSTINI, Italy, 4/3; Oliva, Mexico, 3/4; Frey, Denmark, 3/4; Mohr, Argentina, 1/6; Kwartler, U.S.A., 1/6 (d. Mohr 5-4, lost to Gerevich 5-1, Manaenko 5-2, Suski 5-2, Nostini 5-2, Oliva 5-3, Frey 5-4).

Strip 3. LEFEVRE, France, 5/0; DARE, Italy, 4/2; PAWLOWSKI, Poland, 4/2; LOISEL, Austria, 4/1; Abdel Rahman, Egypt, 2/4; Nordin, Sweden, 2/4; Anderson, Great Britain, 1/4; Amez-Droz, Switzerland, 0/5.

Strip 4. KOVACS, Hungary, 6/0; PLATTNER, Austria, 5/1; GURATH, Romania, 4/3; BALISTER, Belgium, 4/3; Worth, U.S.A., 3/4 (d. Balister 5-3, Pomini 5-2, Kuznecov 5-2, lost to Kovacs 5-3, Plattner 5-4, Gurath 5-3, Zablocki 5-3); Kuznecov, Russia, 3/4; Zablocki, Poland, 2/5; Pomini, Argentina, 0/7.

Strip 5. DE CAPRILES, U.S.A., 5/1 (d. Szantay 5-3, Fascher 5-3, Sande 5-3, Vander Auwera 5-2, Beatley 5-1, lost to Levavasseur 5-3); LEVAVASSEUR, France, 5/1; PINTON, Italy, 5/1; SANDE, Argentina, 5/2; Vander Auwera, Belgium 2/3; Beatley, Great Britain, 2/5; Fascher, Germany, 0/6; Szantay, Romania, 0/6.

#### Semi-Final (3 qualify from each strip)

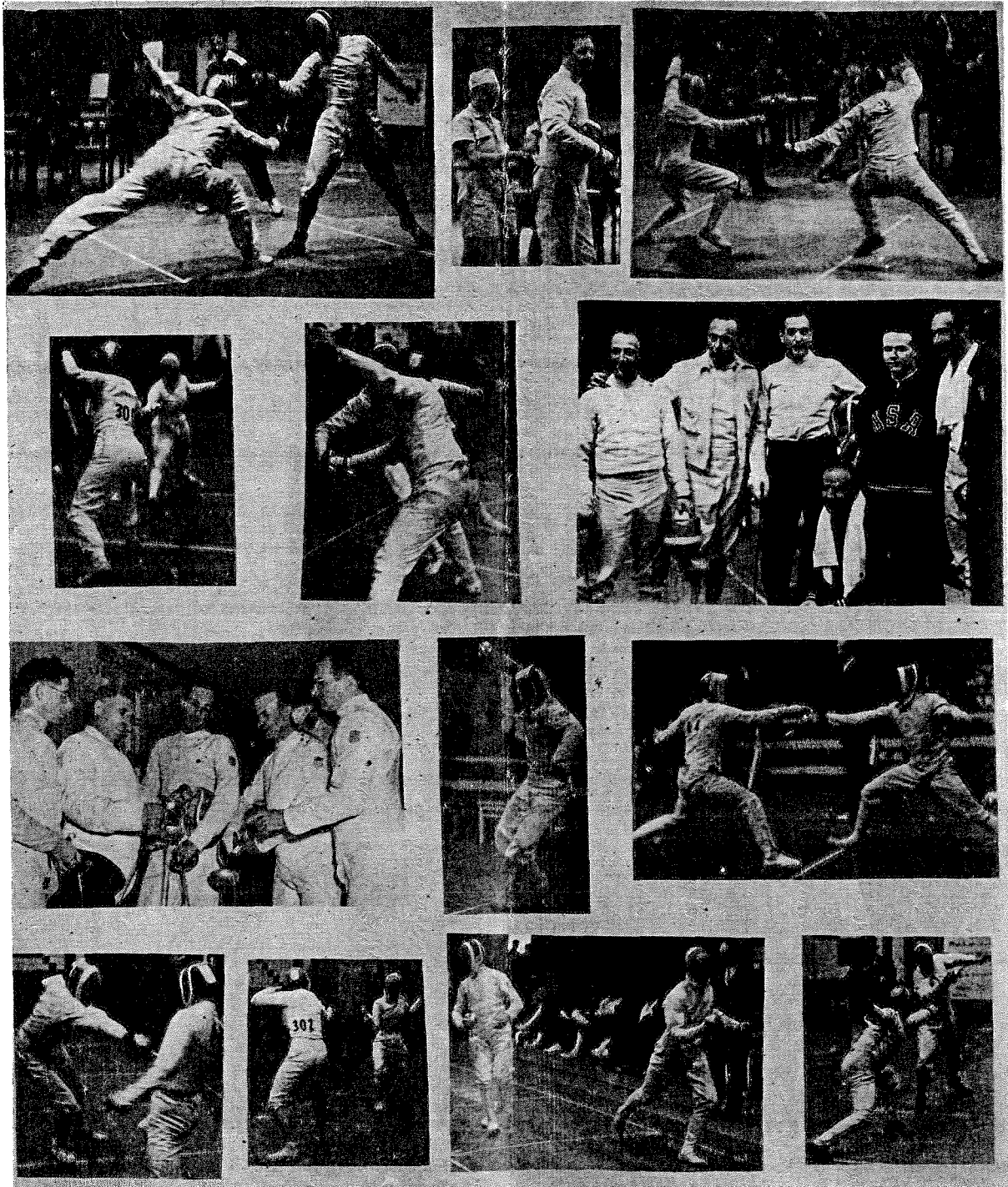
Strip 1. KOVACS, Hungary, 5/0; PINTON, Italy, 4/1; BALISTER, Belgium, 2/3; \* Loisel, Austria, 2/3; \* Levavasseur, France, 1/4; Pawlowski, Poland, 1/4. \*Balister d. Loisel 5-3 in fence-off.

Strip 2. LEFEVRE, France, 4/1; BERCZELLY, Hungary, 3/2; PLATTNER, Austria, 3/1; Gurath, Romania, 2/3; Suski, Poland, 1/3; Heyvaert, Belgium, 1/4.

Strip 3. GEREVICH, Hungary, 4/1; DARE, Italy, 4/1; LECHNER, Austria, 4/1; de Capriles, U.S.A., 2/4 (d. Tudor 5-2, Dare, 5-2, lost to Sande 5-4, Manaenko 5-4, Lechner 5-4, Gerevich 5-2); Sande, Argentina, 2/3; Manaenko, Russia, 2/3; Tudor, Romania, 0/5.

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**FINAL**

- KOVACS, Hungary, 8/0
  - GEREVICH, Hungary, 7/1
  - BERCZELLY, Hungary, 5/3\*
  - DARE, Italy, 5/3\*
  - PLATTNER, Austria, 4/4
  - LEFEVRE, France, 3/5
  - PINTON, Italy, 2/6 (34 against)
  - LECHNER, Austria, 2/6 (37 against)
  - BALISTER, Belgium, 0/8
- \*Berczelly d. Dare 5-3 in fence-off.

**Top Row:** Axelrod vs. Felix Galimi of Argentina; Vebell gets "hooked up"; Buhan of France vs. Lubell.

**Second Row:** Jan York vs. Camber of Italy; Vebell parries Mangiarotti; the sabre team—Kwartler, Nyilas, Armitage, Worth, Treves and de Capriles.

**Third Row:** Epee practice—Makler, Pinchart, de Capriles, Wolff, Vebell; George Worth; Parfitt of Great Britain is touched by Makler.

**Bottom Row:** Nyilas scores on a fleche; Maxine Mitchell vs. Lecomte of France; Carnera of Denmark vs. Skrobisch; Lubell vs. Felix Galimi of Argentina.

## THE WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

by Miguel A. de Capriles

Hungary, Italy and France finished in that order, and Denmark shaded the United States for fourth place, in the women's team championships held at Copenhagen on July 14 and 15. Of the ten competing teams, eight were very evenly matched and the result was in doubt until the closing bouts of the final. Karen Lachmann of Denmark was undefeated until compelled to withdraw by a muscle injury; she did not fence Hungary or Italy. Olympic champion Ilona Elek of Hungary was beaten four times: twice in the Italian match and twice in the French match. The United States team scored two easy victories (over Finland in the qualifying round and over Great Britain in the final); broke even in two 8-8 matches; and lost the rest by 9-7 scores.

In the qualifying round, the outlook for the United States was bleak when Austria jumped to a 7-3 lead, but a magnificent rally featured by five consecutive one-sided victories won the match by a wide touch margin before Ellen Mueller-Preis defeated Polly Craus (who had won her first three) in the concluding bout. Then a 13-3 victory over Finland, paced by Jan York's clean sweep, assured the United States of a place in the final.

The first match of the final proved decisive of fourth place. Spark-plugged by York's three victories, the United States led Denmark (1948 titleholder) 8-6, and needed only three touches in the last two bouts to win; but Elsa Dam-Larsen shut out Paula Sweeney and Lach-

mann blanked Craus, so that the victory went to Denmark by two hits. Without detracting from the magnificent effort of our opponents, I should point out that a Norwegian judge caused the annulment of five touches scored by Sweeney and Craus (and called by the other judge), which he could not possibly have seen, in situations where the fair-minded Belgian director could not overrule. In the last analysis, the main difficulty encountered by our team was that each of the strong opponents had a fencer our girls could not beat: Muller-Preis of Austria, Lachmann of Denmark, I. Elek of Hungary, Jenny Zanelli of Italy, and Rose Garilhe of France. Yet the well-balanced strength of the Americans merited special mention at the F.I.E. Congress in Helsinki on July 20.

Jan York starred for the United States; she was superb in the lead-off position and finished with 19 wins and 9 losses. Maxine Mitchell, nervous and confused at the beginning, improved steadily throughout the competition, attained moments of greatness and wound up with a 16-11 score. Polly Craus was spectacular at the start, slumped midway through the final, and after a brief rest came back to her earlier form, scoring 13 wins against 10 losses. Paula Sweeney and Bess Aboulafia performed creditably in the matter of victories, but in addition were the chief architects of the team's extraordinary esprit-de-corps which largely accounted for its excellent showing.

### Preliminary Round

Pool I: Great Britain defeated Sweden 13-3; Hungary defeated Sweden 16-0.

Pool II: France defeated Finland 14-2 and Austria 9-6.

U.S.A. defeated Austria 8-8 (45-51 touches) Craus 3-1, York 2-2, Sweeney 2-2, Mitchell 1-3; Muller-Preis 4-0, Filz 2-2, Zeillinger 2-2, Kunz 0-4.

U.S.A. defeated Finland 13-3—York 4-0, Mitchell 3-1, Craus 3-1, Aboulafia 3-1; Kalika 3-1, Sjoblom 0-4, Mattson 0-4, Seppala 0-4.

Pool III: Denmark defeated Holland 9-6; Italy defeated Holland 9-1.

### Finals

1. HUNGARY defeated Italy 8-8 (47-50 touches), Great Britain 10-6, U.S.A. 9-7, Denmark 13-3, France 9-4. Won 5, lost none.

2. FRANCE defeated Great Britain 9-7, Denmark 9-7, Italy 8-8 (43-46 touches), U.S.A. 9-7. Won 4, lost one.

3. ITALY defeated U.S.A. 9-7, Great Britain 12-4, Denmark 9-2. Won 3, lost 2.

4. DENMARK defeated Great Britain 10-6, U.S.A. 8-8 (40-42 touches). Won 2, lost 3.

5. U.S.A. defeated Great Britain 9-4. Won 1, lost 4.

### Individual scores:

U.S.A.-Denmark (8-8, 42-40 touches). York 3-1, Mitchell 2-2, Craus 2-2, Sweeney 1-3; Lachmann 4-0, Dam-Larsen 3-1, Mahaut 1-3, Poulsen 0-4.

U.S.A.-Italy (7-9) York 2-2, Mitchell 2-2, Craus 2-2, Sweeney 1-3; Zanelli 4-0, Camber 2-2, Strukel 2-2, Cesari 1-3.

U.S.A.-Hungary (7-9) York 3-1, Mitchell 3-1, Sweeney 1-3, Craus 0-4; I. Elek 4-0, Zsabka 2-2, Nyari 2-2, M. Elek 1-3.

U.S.A.-France (7-9) York 2-2, Mitchell 2-2, Sweeney 2-2, Aboulafia 1-3; Garilhe 4-0, Guitet-Gouny 2-2, Guyonneau-Lecomte 2-2, Drand 1-3.

U.S.A.-Great Britain (9-4) York 3-1, Mitchell 3-0, Craus 3-0, Sweeney 0-3; Sheen 2-1, Glenn-Haig 1-2, Buller 1-3, Somerville 0-3.

6. GREAT BRITAIN lost five.

## OLYMPIC MEMOIRS

by J. R. de Capriles

The trip is over and perhaps you will enjoy reading about some of our experiences.

The departure was preceded by the usual last minute scramble for papers, equipment, etc., and only the extra-large fencing bags, donated by Hugo and James Castello, enabled most of us to comply with the weight limitation on personal baggage. Those fencing bags made the round trip with an awful lot of "fencing equipment" that would never see competition.

When we reached the Olympic Village, which had been built especially for these Games, fencing was assigned two 4-room apartments; the foil and epee teams shared one while the sabre men, captain, coaches and manager had the other. This worked very well except that Treves had difficulty adjusting himself to Armitage's snoring. The girls were housed in a large nurses' home some ten minutes away. Unfortunately Renne Pinchart was sick for a few days. George Santelli assumed all the extra coaching chores and gave so unstintingly of himself for two long sessions each day that we began to worry about his health—but he thrived and was never in better spirits.

We were approached about a possible

broadcast for the Voice of America and we found that the fencing team was fluent in seven languages and had a working knowledge of four others! Unfortunately Finnish was not among the list. This is an unusually difficult language. The word for United States, for instance, is "YHDYSVALLAT." Perhaps the most amusing and appropriate word we came across is the one for Liquor Store which reads "ALCHOLILIIKE!"

The American Legation prepared a dictionary for us, listing the phrases they thought might be useful. The selection reflects an interesting opinion as to our needs. Here are some of the phrases, more or less in order of their appearance, from a section labelled "everyday experiences":

Good evening; what is your name; that is a nice name; are you free; would you like to come with me; where do you live; may I take you home; it is very comfortable here you have beautiful eyes; I like the color of your hair; I love you; I can stay with you; have you slept well; it has been fun knowing you; when can I see you again.

Much has been written about the entry of the Iron Curtain countries to the

Games and we were, of course, surprised to find that two separate villages had been provided: one for the Iron Curtain and one for the rest of the world. Apparently this was made necessary by the not too infrequent refusal of their athletes to return to their homeland if given the opportunity to evade close supervision. We decided to have a look at the "Russian" Village located near West End (where the fencing events were held).

Axelrad, Giolito, Goldsmith, Krieger, Nyilas, Sieja, Worth and I, dressed in our American uniforms, drove to Otaniemi and stopped in front of the administration building on the outside of which hung a huge portrait of Stalin and two smaller ones of the Communist leaders of Bulgaria and Poland. Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Roumania were also quartered at this Village. As we were getting out of the cars an attendant rushed up and advised us we were not permitted to enter. We were told that we needed a special permit and furthermore that we had arrived during the rest period (it was then 3:00 P.M.). We asked permission to see the practice areas inasmuch as they were not in use, but he was adamant and repeated that his orders from the Commandant of the camp

were very explicit. During this discussion three civilians were observing us from a balcony in the administration building. We asked to see the Commandant and were told that he was at another part of the camp. I then informed him I was an American Army Officer and would like to pay my respects to the Commandant; this presented a delicate question and in a few minutes the Commandant, who turned out to be a very amiable Colonel of the Finnish Army, came out to greet us. He heard our story and after some hesitation went over to the three civilians on the balcony to obtain permission to take us through "his" Village. At the training fields and gymnasium we found several athletes practicing very seriously so we presumed they had not been notified it was their rest period. He took us to the dining room reserved for the Russian athletes. This was beautifully decorated: the tables had white linen cloths, silverware, and glass stemware; there was a head waiter and quite a number of waitresses; the walls were studded with gilded pictures of the Politburo. In contrast, the dining facilities at our "capitalist" Village were cafeteria style. On the way back from the abbreviated guided tour we asked whether the Hungarian fencers, many of whom we knew from previous Olympiads, might be notified of our presence and permitted to come out to see us. The Colonel put through a 'phone call and then advised us that the Hungarians were attending a ceremony in Helsinki. At this point he made a remark which we all enjoyed very much: "... and

this time I think the excuse is true."

The trading of pins and emblems was a popular pastime, involving a great deal of shrewd horse-trading. Great pride was taken in accumulating a large and varied collection of Olympic insignia. As we were waiting to leave Otaniemi a group of Hungarians were walking towards us and said in their native tongue: "Let's pin on these cheap ones—I bet they'll bite." George Worth, who is Hungarian by birth, thereupon answered them in their own language: "Like hell we will" . . . which left them all with their mouths open.

One of the nicest possible gestures was made by Bess Aboulafia and Paula Sweeney at the end of the girls' team event at Copenhagen. Bess, who came from Paris to join the team, and Paula, had reservations for a tour of the North countries and Europe to start immediately after the matches. Both girls cancelled their plans and returned to Helsinki at their own expense for the sole purpose of cheering their team-mates in the individual event. Their esprit' de corps deserves much credit for the excellent results.

During a visit to Helsinki we observed one of the most magnificent marble buildings we have ever seen. Upon inquiry we found that it was the Russian Embassy and had been recently completed as part of the reparations demanded by Russia at the end of the war. The story behind this is rather interesting. When Russia attacked Finland in 1938 and found unexpectedly stubborn resistance it bombed Helsinki rather

heavily. On one of the raids the Russian bombers set fire to the old Russian Embassy and apparently the fire fighters in Helsinki were too busy and neglected to save the Embassy. The Russians decided that the Finns were to blame for the loss of their Embassy and demanded that Finnish capital and labor erect the grandiose edifice in accordance with the specifications of Russian architects.

Norman Armitage who has competed in every Olympiad since 1928 was flag bearer for the American Olympic Team on opening day. This is the second time that a fencer has been so honored.

The fencing events themselves packed a tremendous amount of drama. The appearance of the Russians on the fencing strips provided additional interest and I must say that throughout the events they behaved perfectly on the strip. They were reserved but very courteous and accepted all decisions gracefully (as did the great majority of nations). George Worth directed the foil match between Argentina and the U.S.S.R., which the latter lost by only one touch. The match was very hard fought yet the only temperamental outbursts were by the Argentines. The Russians suffered an equally heartbreaking defeat at our hands in epee, yet their manner remained above reproach.

The team events indicated that the upper two or three nations in each weapon were no better than in 1948, but the nations of secondary strength had not only increased in number but each individually was considerably stronger than in 1948. Axelrod in foil, Makler in epee,



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Top Row: Norman Armitage ready to carry the flag on opening day. The sign says "United States"; Relaxing between rounds at Otaniemi; Al Wolff and Rene Pinchart getting off bus which took us to competitions.  
Bottom Row: Paula Sweeney, Polly Craus, Al Skrobisch, Jan York, Mike de Capriles and Maxine Mitchell relax; Jose de Capriles directing—with emphasis; Miguel de Capriles, Edward Yebell, George Worth.

and Worth in sabre were our male stars and York and Mitchell were our pride and joy. These two girls entered the finals with serious handicaps: Janice was emotionally exhausted after her very tough fight in the semi-finals and Maxine had a swollen and painful wrist. The fact they did so well points up their admirable competitive temperament.

In the individuals two men were head and shoulders above the rest. In my opinion Eduardo Mangiarotti of Italy was the greatest fencer present. He competed for eight consecutive days and on the eighth day won the individual epee crown. Prior to that he placed second in the individual foil and carried the Italian foil team to second place and the epee team to a clear-cut championship. In addition to this phenomenal display of stamina and ability he was unquestionably the best non-Hungarian sabre director, and it is doubtful that any Hungarian could surpass him. The other individual was Christian D'Oriola of France. In his specialty, the foil, he has attained a greater peak than Mangiarotti. In fact, his virtuosity is so tremendous that I have no doubt he will rank high among the world's all-time greats.

If one factor is to be blamed for our failure to do better than we did it must be our inability to take full advantage of time and distance. Our hand technique does not suffer by comparison with the best, but we just don't know how to use our legs. It is not necessarily a question of speed or strength but rather an ability to maintain perfect balance at all times so that we can go in either direction in a split second. We have a tendency to either freeze or be off balance at the end of a retreat or an advance.

My brother Mike and I were given the honor of directing the finals of individual foil and we were assisted by three members of our foil team. The reaction of the audience and contestants to our efforts was very gratifying and is perhaps the greatest single thrill I experienced.

The language problem sometimes proved amusing. During a foil match (conducted in French), Nat Lubell was fencing and his opponent's coach was shouting instructions while standing very close to the end of the strip. Danny Bukantz tried to tell the Director that the offender should be warned by saying "Il y a un *maitre* ici" whereupon the Director complied by giving Lubell a meter (*un metre*) warning!

Finally, there were two incidents indicative of the frame of mind which controlled some of our opponents. After the U.S.-Russian epee match we had a pleasant conversation with the members of the Russian team and their coach. Through it all I noticed that one of the members stood by without joining in the conversation. Everyone was very friendly and I suggested that it would be nice if they accepted my American shield in exchange for one of their Russian emblems. The coach and the team members thought this was a good idea and enthusiastically began to remove their own insignia and asked whether other members of the team would care to exchange.

At this point the silent individual uttered his first remark—a very firm "niet." With that one word the smiles froze, the conversation came to an end and all enthusiasm for the proposed change died. The boss had spoken. Another and possibly sadder incident occurred as a result of the U.S.-Polish sabre match. The Poles had a team of very fast, athletic youngsters and we had a terrific battle before defeating them behind George Worth's inspired fencing. The Pole who was supposed to be their star dropped four bouts in this match. He did not compete in their subsequent team matches and was withdrawn from the individual events. Upon inquiry we were advised that he had been convicted for his failure to do better against us and had been forbidden to represent his country in any future international matches.

On the way home our plane was found to be carrying more weight than permitted by the C.A.A. It was decided to land in Ireland for the purpose of removing 1500 pounds of baggage, and while they were unloading the excess baggage, every one of us proceeded to purchase one gallon of liquor to bring home. . . . Probably weighing close to 1,000 pounds.

The point system which newspapers use to determine the winning countries showed that the United States placed first over Russia by a margin of six points. The fencing team scored seven points and Russia was blanked in this event. It stands to reason, therefore, that Russia would have "won" the Olympic Games were it not for the efforts of the U.S. fencers.

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## SELECTING AND TRAINING THE TEAM

by Jose de Capriles

I believe it would be worthwhile at this time to re-examine our method of selecting and training our Olympic teams. The U. S. Olympic Fencing Games Committee, charged with this duty, has had many methods of making its final selections. The one used for the last two Olympiads is unquestionably fair and not subject to the charge of politics or favoritism; but it is not good enough.

The results in the Olympics show that frequently there is no correlation between a man's point standing and his effectiveness in international competition. We cannot hope to predict such effectiveness with any degree of accuracy until we can send our top fencers to international contests between Olympiads, but if this is financially impossible at the moment we can at least make our present system more scientific. Our main interest at the Games has always been the team events, and there is no doubt that some men are better team fencers than others who may outscore them regularly in individual competition. This is a psychological peculiarity which we should recognize and we ought to take more trouble to select and train our best TEAM fencers.

I submit herewith a plan which is a composite of ideas expressed to me in correspondence and discussions with qualified individuals. It is not perfect; I doubt that any plan other than frequent international competition will suffice; but at least it can serve as a basis for discussion. The Olympic Committee (or an interim group of former members, if the official Committee is not formed by June, 1955), using the point system for the annual National and Sectional Championships and possibly the performance records of the 1955 Pan-American fencers, should select six men in each weapon after the 1955 Nationals. These men shall be the 'Olympic probable.' An additional six or twelve men shall be selected as 'Olympic possibles.' The "probables" should start regularly scheduled practice sessions at once, with such coaches as are appointed by the Committee. Individual competitions during the 1955-56 season, while open to the "probables," should be used primarily to determine the composition of the flexible group of "possibles." Frequent team competitions should then be scheduled between the "probables" and the "possibles," and the performance in these team events should determine whether an individual is to be shifted from "possible" to "probable" and vice-versa. The "probables" therefore do not compete against each other for a place on the team, but must instead prove their right to such a place against the bids of all "possibles" in team competition.

This proposal has two advantages:

(1) A genuine team spirit and willingness to help a team member will result. Team spirit is not something that can be developed in two weeks even though there be mutual enthusiasm and personal regard among the men. Furthermore, if final selection is based on results in in-

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**New Jersey**

by Dr. James Flynn and M. F. Tetaz  
Women's State Championship

1. Jean Madden ..... Unattached
2. Helene Varvisotis ..... Unattached
3. Betty Dedousis ..... Salle Santelli

**Women's Junior**

1. Margaret Capello ..... Paterson Teachers
2. Elvera Pizzarelli ..... Paterson Teachers
3. Lorraine Murad ..... Paterson Teachers

**Epee State Championship**

1. Dr. James Flynn ..... New York A.C.
2. H. Kolowrat ..... Princeton
3. William Reda ..... Unattached

**Women's Outdoor Handicap**

1. Grace Acel\* ..... Salle Santelli
  2. Aida Gormley\* ..... Unattached
  3. Jean Madden ..... Unattached
- \*Fence-off won by Acel 4-3.

**Outdoor 3-Weapon Team**

(1) N. J. Composite (Surdi, Flynn, Orsi); (2) Philadelphia F.C. "A" (Altabef, Makler, Rubinstein); (3) Saltus (Brandeis, Stevens, Schmuckler).

**Outdoor Elec. Epee**

1. Herman Wallner ..... N.Y.U.
2. William Reda ..... USAF
3. William Maksimoski ..... Paterson Teachers

**N. J. DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Foil**

1. Allen Griffen ..... Saltus
2. Vincent Surdi ..... Newark F.C.
3. William Kolowrat ..... Princeton

**Epee**

1. J. Flynn ..... NYAC
2. William Kolowrat ..... Princeton
3. William Reda ..... USAF

**Sabre**

1. James Flynn ..... NYAC
2. Vincent Surdi ..... Newark F.C.
3. Anthony Orsi ..... Unattached

**Maryland**

by Calvert E. Schlick  
Division Secretary

Our 1951-52 season has been highly successful, and our greatly increased membership is primarily due to the younger fencing groups in Baltimore, namely Goucher College, International Y, Tri-Weapon club and Johns Hopkins. The coaches of those teams cannot receive enough praise for their efforts.

The following are recent competitions:

**Women's Foil**

1. Jackie Coyer ..... Tri-Weapon
2. Abbie Herring ..... Tri-Weapon
3. Jane Burger ..... International Y

**Foil**

1. Robert Lewis ..... Y.M.H.A.
2. Eaton Bayor ..... Y.M.C.A.
3. Cmdr. Hart Kait ..... U.S.N.

**Epee**

(Clovis Deladreir Trophy)

1. Cal Schlick ..... Johns Hopkins
2. William Lykes ..... U.S. Naval Academy
3. Al Rose ..... Y.M.C.A.

**Sabre**

1. Bernard Udel ..... Y.M.H.A.
2. Robert Lewis ..... Y.M.H.A.
3. Bruce Raymond ..... Johns Hopkins

**Three-Weapon**

(Bailey Cup)

1. Robert Lewis ..... Y.M.H.A.
2. Cmdr. Hart Kait ..... U.S.N.
3. Eaton Bayor ..... Y.M.C.A.

**Uvases Foil Tournament**

1. Clark Joel ..... Wash. F.C.
2. Capt. Charles Steinhardt ..... USAF
3. Eaton Bayor ..... Balto. Y.M.C.A.

**Women**

1. Gisela Trurnit ..... Tri-Weapon
2. Abbie Herring ..... Tri-Weapon
3. Jane Burger ..... International Y

**Michigan**

by Howard Hayden

Byron Krieger of the Salle de Tuscan took his usual first places in foil and sabre, which incidentally were his 13th and 11th respectively.

Richard Berry (Michigan State) and Richard Wegert (Grosse Pointe Sword Club) placed one-two in the epee. Berry had earlier taken the Big Ten epee title and placed second in the NCAA.

In women's foil the feature was a triple tie for the first which was resolved in favor of the Salle de Tuscan's Paula Sweeney whose comeback upset Lynn Twitchell's bid for the crown in her third year of competition.

The results are as follows:

**Women**

1. Paula Sweeney ..... Salle de Tuscan
2. Sallye Chambers ..... Salle de Tuscan
3. Lynn Twitchell ..... Michigan State

**Foil**

1. Byron Krieger ..... Salle de Tuscan
2. Peter Young ..... Salle de Tuscan
3. James Campoli ..... Grosse Point S. C.

**Epee**

1. Richard Berry ..... Michigan State
2. Richard Wegert ..... Grosse Pointe S. C.
3. Byron Krieger ..... Salle de Tuscan

**Sabre**

1. Byron Krieger ..... Salle de Tuscan
2. Howard Hayden ..... Salle de Tuscan
3. James Campoli ..... Grosse Pointe S. C.

Results of other events this season:

**Prep Foil:** 1. Sam Segasta, Wayne; 2. Robert Eldred, de Tuscan; 3. Robert Bergman, Ford S. C.

**Women's Prep:** 1. Janet Ryan, Highland Pk. H. S.; 2. Janet Robert, Highland Pk. H. S.; 3. Carol Maurer, Cooley H. S.

**Prep Epee:** 1. John Moir, Unatt.; 2. Paul Graesser, Lapeer H. S.; 3. Don Bricker, Lapeer H. S.

**Prep Sabre:** 1. Howard Lang, Lawrence Tech; 2. James Williams, Highland Pk. H. S.; 3. Paul Graesser, Lapeer H. S.

**Women's Novice:** 1. Judy Jamieson, Lapeer H. S.; 2. Janet Ryan, Highland Pk. H. S.; 3. Jud Goodrich, Lapeer H. S.

**Novice Foil:** 1. Richard Wegert, Grosse Pte. S. S.; 2. Clifford Olsen, de Tuscan; 3. Frank Tobey, de Tuscan.

**Novice Sabre:** 1. Richard Pheil, Michigan State; 2. Lee Fallieres, U. of Detroit; 3. Frank Bitonti, Wayne.

**Novice Epee:** 1. Richard Pheil, Michigan State; 2. Ed Shymanski, Wayne; 3. Clifford Olsen, de Tuscan.

**Junior Foil:** 1. Clifford Olsen, de Tuscan; 2. Frank Tobey, de Tuscan; 3. Harry Jensen, de Tuscan.

**Junior Sabre:** 1. Louis Klei, de Tuscan; 2. Oscar Simpson, Grosse Pte. S. C.; 3. Howard Lang, Lawrence Tech.

**Junior Epee:** 1. Robert Starks, Buffalo; 2. John Moir, Unatt.; 3. James Williams, Highland Pk. H. S.

**Women's Junior:** 1. Janet Roberts, Highland Pk. H. S.; 2. Celia Leighton, Highland Pk. H. S.; 3. Shirley Stein, Grosse Pte. S. C.

**Intermediate Foil:** 1. R. Yashchak, Grosse Pte. S. C.; 2. J. Campoli, Grosse Pte. S. C.; 3. A. Shankin, de Tuscan.

**Intermediate Epee:** 1. A. Kunzmann, Grosse Pte. S. C.; 2. R. Berry, Michigan State; 3. R. Wegert, Grosse Pte. S. C.

**Intermediate Sabre:** 1. A. Kunzmann, Grosse Pte. S. C.; 2. H. Jensen, de Tuscan; 3. J. Campoli, Grosse Pte. S. C.

**Women's Intermediate:** 1. M. Johnson, de Tuscan; 2. J. Jamieson, Lapeer H.S.; 3. Donna Hill, Highland Pk. Jr. College.

**Minnesota**

by P. E. Dahl  
Division Chairman

The Division Championships resulted as follows:

**Foil**

1. Urban Couch ..... Minneapolis
2. Sid Tieman ..... Minneapolis
3. Terry Covert ..... Minneapolis

**Epee**

1. Richard Peterson ..... Wayzata
2. Sid Tieman ..... Minneapolis
3. Terry Covert ..... Minneapolis

**Sabre**

1. Sid Tieman ..... Minneapolis
2. Charles Bradley ..... St. Paul
3. Janis Stankevics ..... Minneapolis

**Women**

1. Joan Messmer ..... Robbinsdale
2. Dolores Worwa ..... Robbinsdale
3. Alvina Karst ..... Minneapolis

**Philadelphia**

by John F. Austin  
Foil Championship

1. J. Altabef ..... Phila. F.C.
2. P. Makler ..... Phila. F.C.
3. J. Austin ..... Phila. F.C.

**Epee Championship**

1. J. Tori ..... U. of P.
2. P. Makler ..... Phila. F.C.
3. A. Rubin ..... U. of P.

**Sabre Championship**

1. R. Parmacek ..... U. of P.
2. J. Altabef ..... Phila. F.C.
3. P. Makler ..... Phila. F.C.

**Three-Weapon**

1. J. Austin ..... Phila. F.C.
2. H. Kolowrat ..... Princeton U.
3. N. Ostrofsky ..... Phila. F.C.

The officers for the 1952-53 season are:  
Chairman ..... F. D. Jones  
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Bout Chairman ..... R. Parmacek

**Washington, D. C.**

by Harold Newton  
Division Secretary

**Foil Championship**

1. Paul Gnaier\* ..... Germany
2. Harold Newton\* ..... Wash. F.C.
3. Clark Joel ..... Y.M.C.A.

\*Fence-off

**Epee Championship**

1. Al Rose ..... Tri-Weapon, Balto.
2. Cal Schlick ..... Johns Hopkins
3. William Snedegar ..... Y.M.C.A.

**Sabre Championship**

1. Harold Newton ..... Wash. F.C.
2. Clark Joel ..... Y.M.C.A.
3. Lt. Col. Wirt Corrie ..... Wash. F.C.

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**Illinois**

by Lillian Vandra, Division Secretary  
 Highlight of the Illinois Division's summer fencing season was a briskly contested three-weapon meet won by John Wesley by one touch. Alvin Rose and Leon Strauss tied for second in a field of eight that was limited by special invitation to individual State champions and members of State championship teams.

Plans were made at a business session following the meet to delay the start of the Division's fall season one month to allow time for experienced fencers to encourage and help develop the sport in Chicago's forty high schools.

**FENCERS' CLUB OF CHICAGO**

Mr. Jose de Capriles  
 Dear Jose:

Every year, Mundelein College in Chicago awards the Magnificat Medal at a formal convocation to an outstanding graduate of a Catholic women's college. This year's recipient of the honor was a member of the AFLA, Matilda (Mrs. K. Cary) Clem of the Los Angeles Athletic Club. On April 29th, the formal presentation was made by Cardinal Stritch, following which Mrs. Clem gave an inspiring address to the large audience and was then guest of honor at a tea attended by several hundred persons.


Many times during the day she mentioned fencing and the AFLA. Upon being introduced to individual members of the Mundelein College fencing classes, the first question she asked was whether they were members of the AFLA. She congratulated those who were and talked to them at length about attacks, parries, and distance.

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dividual intra-squad competitions there will be no effort to help each other to eliminate fundamental weaknesses. It is only human for Tom to reason: "I usually beat Harry by doing thus-and-so; I'm certainly not going to point out this weakness and help him to overcome it, and then have him beat me in the next competition." If the "probables" only have to stand off the challenge of the "possibles," they will be more willing to help each other to build a stronger team.

(2) By changing the emphasis to team competitions, our ultimate Olympic team is more likely to contain the best available team fencers in 1956.

It is true that the 1956 Nationals, as the final Olympic tryout, might bring forth a "dark horse," but that possibility exists in our present system and can be reduced if the "probables" are properly trained.

**Spokane Division**

by Daniel M. Drumheller  
 Acting Division Secretary

There has been increased activity in the Pacific Northwest and in the Inland Empire. On May 2 and 3 the second Inland Empire Fencing Tournament was held at Spokane, Washington, in the National Guard Armory. This tournament brought fencers from Vancouver, B. C., Portland Oregon, Seattle, Pullman, Richland, and Spokane.

The results of the competitions held are as follows:

**Women's Foil (Open)**

1. Mrs. Katherine Modrell ..... Seattle, Wash.
2. Miss Dolores Kane .... Spokane Fencers Club

**Men's Junior Foil**

1. Gregory Mason ..... Spokane Fencers Club
2. E. O. Ploeger ..... Portland

**Men's Foil (Open)**

1. John K. Nottingham ..... Seattle, Wash.
2. D. M. Drumheller ..... Spokane F. C.

**Open Epee**

1. D. M. Drumheller ..... Spokane F. C.
2. E. O. Ploeger ..... Portland

**Open Sabre**

1. John K. Nottingham ..... Seattle, Wash.
2. D. M. Drumheller ..... Spokane F. C.

**Three Weapon (Direct Elimination)**

1. John K. Nottingham ..... Seattle, Wash.

**Southern California**

by Fred Linkmeyer

The 1951-1952 Southern California Fencing Championship season finished with the last round of the Greco Try-outs.

The results of the presently unreported events are as follows:

**Open Foil (32 entries, LAAC)**

1. Sewall Shurtz ..... Faulkner
2. Josef Lampl ..... Los Angeles A.C.
3. Edw. Carfagno ..... Los Angeles A.C.

**Women's Open (10 entries, Faulkner's)**

1. Bernardine Meislahn ..... Faulkner
2. Jan York ..... Unattached
3. Maxine Mitchell ..... Cavaliers

**Open Foil Team (6 teams, Faulkner's)**

1. Los Angeles Athletic Club No. 1 Team (Edw. Carfagno, Josef Lampl, Torao Mori, Fred Linkmeyer).

**Open Epee (21 entries, LAAC)**

1. Sewall Shurtz ..... Faulkner
2. Edw. Carfagno ..... Los Angeles A.C.
3. David Rice ..... Los Angeles A.C.

**Open Epee Team (5 teams, LAAC)**

1. Los Angeles Athletic Club No. 1 Team (Edw. Carfagno, David Rice and Fred Linkmeyer).

**Open Sabre (20 entries, LAAC)**

1. Josef Lampl ..... Los Angeles A.C.
2. Edw. Carfagno ..... Los Angeles A.C.
3. Torao Mori ..... Los Angeles A.C.

**Open Sabre Team (5 teams, Faulkner's)**

1. Los Angeles Athletic Club Team No. 1 (Edw. Carfagno, Josef Lampl and Torao Mori).

**Women's Open Team (4 teams, Faulkner's)**

1. Faulkner School of Fencing (Bernardine Meislahn, Polly Craus and Panchita Shafer).

**Greco Three Weapon Try-outs**

(12 entries, LAAC)

1. Sewall Shurtz ..... Faulkner
2. Edw. Carfagno ..... Los Angeles A.C.
3. Josef Lampl ..... Los Angeles A.C.

The distribution of all medals awarded in the 1951-1952 Southern California regular season:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Los Angeles A.C.	20	18	11	49
Faulkner	11	11	10	32
Cavaliers	3	4	7	14
Dragons	8	4	1	13
Hollywood A.C.	4	6	3	13
Unattached	1	4	0	5

**Northern Ohio**

by Donald S. Thompson  
 Three-Weapon Championship

1. John Shelly ..... Akron Y.M.C.A.
2. Walter Henry ..... Woodland
3. Howard Fried ..... Sword & Mask

**Open Sabre**

1. Oswald Tapolcsanyi ..... Woodland
2. Robert Boyajian ..... Akron Y.M.C.A.
3. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland

**Foil Championship**

1. John Shelly ..... Akron Y.M.C.A.
2. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland
3. Howard Fried ..... Sword & Mask

**Epee Championship**

1. Howard Fried ..... Sword & Mask
2. Charles Simonian ..... Fenn College
3. James Gosline ..... Woodland

**Sabre Championship**

1. E. P. Quigley ..... Woodland
2. John Shelly ..... Akron Y.M.C.A.
3. Robert Boyajian ..... Akron Y.M.C.A.

**Women's Championship**

1. Margaret Warnock ..... Sword & Mask
2. Joan Steigerwald ..... Woodland
3. Joan Klosinski ..... Mather College

**St. Louis**

by Sandra Trembley  
 Division Secretary

The Division Championships resulted as follows:

**Foil**

1. .... Harry Trembley
2. .... William Hedley
3. .... Jack Eshilson

**Epee**

1. .... William Bahr
2. .... William Hedley
3. .... Donald Kelly

**Sabre**

1. .... David Murray
2. .... Jack Eshilson
3. .... Robert Speare

**Three-Weapon**

1. .... Harry Trembley
2. .... Robert Speare
3. .... William Bahr

**Iowa**

by Jay Hensley

The Division Championships were held at Grinnell College and resulted as follows:

**Women**

1. Jay Hensley ..... Iowa State F.C.
2. Helen Nahas ..... Des Moines Y
3. Geraldine Cole ..... Des Moines Y

**Foil**

1. Frank Craig ..... Unattached
2. Maynard Minnich ..... Unattached
3. Bob Hensley ..... Iowa State F.C.

**Epee**

1. Lloyd Holsinger ..... Unattached
2. Bob Hensley ..... Iowa State F.C.
3. Jack Allen ..... Unattached

**Sabre**

1. Lloyd Holsinger ..... Unattached
2. Hughs Hopewell ..... Unattached
3. Sherret Chase ..... Iowa State F.C.

**Colorado**

by John Giele  
 Division Secretary

The Division Championships resulted as follows:

**Foil**

1. Dean Foltz ..... Denver
2. John Giele ..... U. of Colorado
3. Sadaichi Kubota ..... U. of C. F.C.

**Epee**

1. Dean Foltz ..... Denver
2. John Giele ..... U. of Colorado
3. Harry Lovejoy ..... U. of Colorado

**Sabre**

1. John Giele ..... U. of Colorado
2. Robert Johnson ..... Denver
3. Sadaichi Kubota ..... U. of C. F.C.

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## OLYMPIC\* and WORLD CHAMPIONS

\*The Olympic Champions are in bold type. Prior to 1934 the annual Champions were nominally European Champions inasmuch as the official World Championship title was not created until that year. It is realistic, however, to assume that the European championship was decided among the strongest fencers in the world.

### WOMEN

1924—**E. O. Ossier, Denmark**; 1928—**H. Mayer, Germany**; 1929—**H. Mayer, Germany**; 1930—**J. Adams, Belgium**; 1931—**H. Mayer, Germany**; 1932—**E. Preis, Austria**; 1933—**G. Neligan, Great Britain**; 1934—**I. Elek, Hungary**; 1935—**I. Elek, Hungary**; 1936—**I. Elek, Hungary**; 1937—**H. Mayer, Germany**; 1938—**M. Sediva, Czechoslovakia**; 1939-1946—**War**; **E. Preis, Austria**; 1948—**I. Elek, Hungary**; 1949—**E. Preis, Austria**; 1950—**R. Garilhe, France**, and **E. Preis, Austria**; 1951—**I. Elek, Hungary**; 1952—**I. Camber, Italy**.

### FOIL

1896—**E. Gravelotte, France**; 1900—**E. Coste, France**; 1904—**R. Fonst, Cuba** (A. V. Z. Post, Cuba, won single sticks event); 1906—**Dillon-Cavanagh, France**; 1908—(None); 1912—**N. Nadi, Italy**; 1914-1918—**War**; 1920—**N. Nadi, Italy**; 1924—**R. Ducret, France**; 1926—**G. Chiavacci, Italy**; 1927—**O. Puliti, Italy**; 1928—**L. Gaudin, France**; 1929—**O. Puliti, Italy**; 1930—**G. Gaudini, Italy**; 1931—**R. Lemoine, France**; 1932—**G. Marzi, Italy**; 1933—**G. Guaragna, Italy**; 1934—**G. Gaudini, Italy**; 1935—(None); 1936—**G. Gaudini, Italy**; 1937—**G. Marzi, Italy**; 1938—**G. Guaragna, Italy**; 1939-1946—**War**; 1947—**C. D'Oriola, France**; 1948—**J. Buhan, France**; 1949—**C. D'Onola, France**; 1950—**R. Nostini, Italy**; 1951—**M. diRosa, Italy**; 1952—**C. D'Oriola, France**.

### EPEE

1896—**E. Gravelotte, France**; 1900—**R. Fonst, Cuba**; 1904—**R. Fonst, Cuba**; 1906—**C. de la Falaise, France**; 1908—**G. Alibert, France**; 1912—**P. Anspach, Belgium**; 1914-1918—**War**; 1920—**A. Massard, France**; 1921—**L. Gaudin, France**; 1922—**R. Herde, Norway**; 1923—**W. Brower, Holland**; 1924—**C. Delporte, Belgium**; 1925—(None); 1926—**G. C. Tainurier, France**; 1927—**G. Buchard, France**; 1928—**L. Gaudin, France**; 1929—**P. Cattiu, France**; 1930—**P. Cattiu, France**; 1931—**G. Buchard, France**; 1932—**G. Cornaggio-Medici, Italy**; 1933—**G. Buchard, France**; 1934—**P. Dunay, Hungary**; 1935—**H. Drakenberg, Sweden**; 1936—**F. Riccardi, Italy**; 1937—**B. Schmetz, France**; 1938—**M. Pecheux, France**; 1939-1946—**War**; 1947—**G. Artigas, France**; 1948—**L. Cantone, Italy**; 1949—**D. Mangiarotti, Italy**; 1950—**M. Luchow, Denmark**; 1951—**E. Mangiarotti, Italy**; 1952—**E. Mangiarotti, Italy**.

### SABRE

1896—**G. Georgiadis, Greece**; 1900—**C. de la Falaise, France**; 1904—**M. de Diaz, Cuba**; 1906—**G. Georgiadis, Greece**; 1908—**E. Fuchs, Hungary**; 1912—**E. Fuchs, Hungary**; 1914-1918—**War**; 1920—**N. Nadi, Italy**; 1922—**A. E. W. De Jong, Holland**; 1923—**A. E. W. De Jong, Holland**; 1924—**A. Posta, Hungary**; 1925—**J. Garay, Hungary**; 1926—**A. Gombos, Hungary**; 1927—**A. Gombos, Hungary**; 1928—**E. Terztyansky, Hungary**; 1929—**J. Glycals, Hungary**; 1930—**G. Piller, Hungary**; 1931—**G. Piller, Hungary**; 1932—**G. Piller, Hungary**; 1933—**E. Kabos, Hungary**; 1934—**E. Kabos, Hungary**; 1935—**A. Gerevich, Hungary**; 1936—**E. Kabos, Hungary**; 1937—**G. Kovacs, Hungary**; 1938—**A. Montano, Italy**; 1939-1946—**War**; 1947—**A. Montano, Italy**; 1948—**A. Gerevich, Hungary**; 1949—**G. Dare, Italy**; 1950—**J. Levavasseur, France**; 1951—**A. Gerevich, Hungary**; 1952—**G. Kovacs, Hungary**.

### FOIL TEAMS

1094—**Cuba**; 1920—**Italy**; 1924—**France**; 1928—**Italy**; 1932—**France**; 1936—**Italy**; 1948—**France**; 1952—**France**.

### EPEE TEAMS

1908—**France**; 1912—**Belgium**; 1920—**Italy**; 1924—**France**; 1928—**Italy**; 1932—**France**; 1936—**Italy**; 1948—**France**; 1952—**Italy**.

### SABRE TEAMS

1904—**Cuba**; 1908—**Hungary**; 1912—**Hungary**; 1920—**Italy**; 1924—**Italy**; 1928—**Hungary**; 1932—**Hungary**; 1936—**Hungary**; 1948—**Hungary**; 1952—**Hungary**.

### JAECKEL PRAISED

The prestige for competent impartiality which our judges and directors earned at the Olympics was further enhanced by the excellent work done by our Foreign Secretary on the Directoire Technique. This committee selects all juries and draws up the pools for team and individual events. The very nature of this work requires men of integrity whose national pride will not over-ride their sense of fair play. The committee, whose work began several days before the Games, was on duty through all the fencing events and for long hours each night preparing the pools for the following night. The work done by Tracy Jaeckel received the highest praise from the President of the F.I.E. and the Chairman of the Directoire Technique.

Senor Simoes of Brazil was also a member of the Directoire Technique, and this made the first Olympiad wherein such dual recognition has been given to fencing in North and South America.—J. R. de C.

## A.F.L.A. METROPOLITAN SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER

- 1—WOMEN'S FOIL prep individual. 12 noon. Evelyn Van Buskirk medals. Saltus-McBurney Club. Entry fee 85¢.
- 2—FOIL prep individual. 12 noon. Leo G. Nunes medals. New York A.C. Entry fee 85¢.
- 6—SABRE TEAM novice. 7:00 P.M. J. M. Castello trophy. A.F.L.A. medals. Rohdes Academy. Entry fee \$4.80.
- 8—FOIL TEAM novice. 12 noon. Dernel Every trophy. A.F.L.A. medals. Saltus-McBurney Club. Entry fee \$4.80.
- 9—WOMEN'S TEAM novice. 12 noon. George Santelli trophy. A.F.L.A. medals. Rohdes Academy. Entry fee \$4.80.
- 15—EPEE TEAM novice. 12 noon. Jose de Capriles trophy. A.F.L.A. medals. Fencers Club. Entry Fee \$4.80.
- 16—SABRE novice individual. 12 noon. Norman C. Armitage medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee 85¢.
- 18—EPEE individual. 7:00 P.M. Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors only. A.F.L.A. medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.60.
- 22—WOMEN'S FOIL novice individual. 12 noon. Manrique medals. Rohdes Academy. Entry fee 85¢.
- 23—FOIL novice individual. 1:00 P.M. John R. Huffman medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee 85¢.

## DECEMBER

- 2—FOIL individual. 7:00 P.M. Seniors, Intermediate and Juniors only. A.F.L.A. medals. Salle Santelli. Entry fee \$1.60.
- 4—SABRE TEAM junior. 7:00 P.M. James Montague trophy. A.F.L.A. medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$4.80.
- 6—EPEE novice individual. 12 noon. Robert S. Driscoll medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$1.35.
- 7—SABRE individual. 12 noon. Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors only. Nikolas Muray medals. New York A.C. Entry fee \$1.60.
- 9—WOMEN'S FOIL Metropolitan junior championship. Individual. 7:00 P.M. Marian Lloyd Vince medals. Rhodes Academy. Entry fee \$1.10.
- 13—SABRE Metropolitan junior championship. Individual. 12 noon. A.F.L.A. medals. Rohdes Academy. Entry fee \$1.10.
- 14—EPEE Metropolitan junior championship. Individual. 12 noon. Jose de Capriles medals. Fencers Club. Entry fee \$2.10.
- 20—FOIL Metropolitan junior championship. Individual. 12 noon. F. Bernard O' Connor medals. Saltus-McBurney Club. Entry fee \$1.10.
- 21—WOMEN'S FOIL individual. 12 noon. Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors only. Alice Wendt Voorhees medals. Rohdes Academy. Entry fee \$1.60.

## NOTE:

The places indicated are tentative, as confirmation has not been received from all the clubs.

All epee competitions are with the electrical weapon.

Competitions are held at:

Fencers Club, 320 E. 53 St. (cork-linoleum strips)

New York A. C., Central Park S. (cork-linoleum and rubber strips)

Rohdes Academy, 169 E. 86 St. (entrance in lobby of Loew's Orpheum) (rubber strips)

Salle Santelli, Henry Hudson Hotel, 353 W. 57 St. (rubber strips)

Saltus-McBurney Club, YMCA, 215 W. 23 St. (rubber strips)

The League wishes to thank the various clubs for their courtesy in permitting the use of their facilities for its competitions. It also expresses its sincere appreciation for the generosity of the many individuals who are donating medals and trophies.

Entries and fees must reach Chester Tuthill, Recording Secretary, 509 W. 121 St., N. Y. 27 at least one week before date of competition.

## WORTH SETS UP GOOD PROGRAM

George Worth has been appointed Chairman of the Metropolitan Non-Divisional Group for this year and announces that a **judging school** is to be conducted. The need for such a school has been recognized for quite some time but the unusual burden of pre-Olympic activities compelled a delay. The school will be administered by Allan Kwartler and full details will be published in our next issue.

The Metropolitan competitions will be subject to the following **new rules**:

Fencers who compete and are eliminated must be prepared to stay and judge until excused by the Bout Committee;

It is expected that all fencers will do their best to comply with Bout Committee's requests to officiate at certain events at which they are not competing; No blanket entries for any event will be accepted from a club—such entries must designate the individual names so that properly balanced strips may be made up beforehand;

All entries must be received at least one week and not more than five weeks in advance of the event and should be accompanied by the proper entry fee; All competitions must start promptly as scheduled.

Competitions can be run efficiently only if everyone co-operates and notice is hereby given that the Bout Committee has been requested to enforce these rules to the letter.

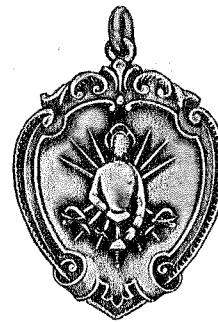


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